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Extra government cash ruled out

Public sector rises of 3% fuel job fears

By Philip Webster and Philip Bassett

■ Public sector workers fear that their inflation-beating pay rises will cost their colleagues jobs and mean cuts in services for pupils and patients

INFLATION-busting pay rises of up to 3 per cent for teachers, nurses, doctors, soldiers and civil servants were announced by the Government last night.

But Labour MPs and union leaders immediately predicted that the rises could mean job losses and service cuts, since the Prime Minister has insisted that the £900 million cost must be financed by greater efficiency or reduced running costs. No extra money will be allocated and no raid on the reserves allowed.

Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, said it was "a pay review the Government have awarded but not financed, granted but not funded". Ministers had acted sneakily and this meant that "many people will receive a theoretical pay rise and then lose their jobs". David Blunkett, shadow Health Secretary, accused the Government of putting the cost of the NHS pay award on to the patients themselves.

Senior government officials denied that jobs or service cuts were either inevitable or likely, but admitted that they could not be ruled out. One said: "An automatic consequence is not a cut in services or jobs. You cannot put your hand on your heart and say 'efficiency savings' does not mean some kind of natural wastage. But to start from the premise that this process has to begin and end with job losses or a reduction in the quality of services is not reasonable."

It was said that ministers and service managers had a clear idea of where the savings would come from, and Kenneth Clarke last night gave an indication of where money could be saved — including job cuts. "In this huge public service, there are still places where fewer people could do the job," the Chancellor said, adding that savings could also be achieved by altering working practices, cutting out unnecessary work, and constantly seeking to be sharper in all areas.

Ministers believe that the headline rise of 3 per cent, comfortably above the 1.9 per cent inflation figure and double last year's increases, will avert the likelihood of any spring confrontation with the unions. The decision was met with relief by many Tory MPs, but others voiced concern about the pay review procedure regularly resulting in above-inflation awards. Unions representing other workers are likely to take the awards as a benchmark and Alan Jinkinson of Unison, the biggest trade union, gave a warning of a rocky ride ahead for the Government over pay.

Mr Major announced full acceptance of five of the six review body proposals covering 1.4 million workers, so that from April 1 teachers will be paid another 2.9 per cent. Doctors, dentists, nurses, midwives and health visitors will receive 3 per cent more, and senior civil servants, military officers and judges 2.75 per cent. The armed forces review group had recommended rises of between 3 and 4.4 per cent, but only 2.7 per cent will be paid in April. The balance will be paid from January.

The awards mean that the pay of a student nurse will go up from £6,920 to £7,125; of a qualified teacher at the bottom of the range from £11,244 to £11,571; and of a junior army private from £8,001 to £8,242.

Trade union reaction to the awards was muted, but leaders predicted cuts in jobs and services that would affect patients and pupils. John Monks, the TUC general secretary, said: "The Government's insistence that pay awards be met from increased productivity is buck-passing on a grand scale. In many cases it will be impossible to make the savings needed without a cut in jobs and the quality of services."

Christine Hancock of the Royal College of Nursing denounced the award as a sham, saying: "Virginia Bottomley has admitted that NHS nurses are now at full stretch. What more does the Government expect?"

Peter Smith of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers was also hostile, saying: "The Government is deceiving itself if anybody thinks that this above-inflation award can be met without serious cuts in

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Major takes on 'snipers'

By Philip Webster and Nicholas Wood

JOHN Major told Conservative MPs last night to stop sniping and demanded that they show loyalty to his leadership.

In a surprise appearance before the party's 1922 Committee of backbenchers, the Prime Minister admonished rebel MPs for squandering energies on "petty factionalism".

He issued a warning that he would not tolerate disloyalty, incompetence or highly publicised personal failings from his ministers. Mr Major, who has been criticised for allowing scandal-affected ministers to stay in office for too long, hinted that such indulgence would be dropped. And he told MPs to stop engaging in anonymous criticism of his leadership. "I would rather have it face-to-face than behind the hand."

In a direct attempt to assert his leadership after his showdown with the Tory right, Mr Major gave a warning that the party's success was being "drowned out" by trivia and by artificial controversies and disagreements.

In a reference to the persistent advice he re-

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Tough UK general calls Serbs' bluff

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

THE British general commanding United Nations troops in Bosnia forced a rapid climbdown by the Serbs yesterday when he threatened to use armoured vehicles to break down a blocked checkpoint outside Sarajevo.

The ultimatum, from Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose, former SAS chief, persuaded the Serbs to lift the barrier at checkpoint Sierra One, between Sarajevo and Kiseljak in central Bosnia, where the UN Protection Force headquarters is based.

Serbs guarding the barrier, about 10 miles west of Sarajevo, had refused for two days to allow UN tracked vehicles to pass through, breaching an agreement under which all UN vehicles are supposed to have free movement for humanitarian operations.

The climbdown was interpreted as first blood to General Rose, who announced as soon as he arrived in Bosnia to take command of the 13,000 Unprofor troops that he intended to act tough with those who obstructed UN convoys. Twenty-four hours before his threat to send in British Warrior armoured fighting vehicles, he had promised a "hardline, hard-nosed" approach in helping the civilian victims of the war.

This was General Rose's first test as the new commander. His firm message was intended to give renewed confidence to battalion commanders throughout Bosnia. In yesterday's incident Norwegian armoured carriers were allowed to ferry passengers to and from Sarajevo airport.

General Rose, 54, has quickly made his mark in Bosnia, matching tough words with action. He has already said he would have no qualms about asking for Nato air strikes.

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The West Indies tour gets on the road

GRAHAM MORRIS



Off the field: England captain Michael Atherton striding through St John's, Antigua, before play began



On the field: Andrew Caddick takes a wicket

Fast bowlers provide a fillip

By John Goodbody
Sports News Correspondent

ENGLAND's fast bowlers provided an encouraging start to the opening first-class match of the West Indies tour yesterday, taking two early Leewards Islands wickets in Antigua.

With England expecting a torrid series against the West Indian pacemen, they needed a fillip to their confidence.

The Leeward Islands were without five Test players for the four-day game, including Richie Richardson and Curtly Ambrose. But the opposition was still the most formidable the tourists have faced on the tour: the Islands are about to win the West Indian domestic competition. The tour started in earnest yesterday.

Andy Caddick took England's opening first class wicket when Larville Harrigan edged a loose defensive shot to Atherton at third slip and was caught for nought. With Steve Watkin bowling with steady consistency, the England attack kept up its pressure throughout the morning session.

When Chris Lewis came into the attack, he tempted Stuart Williams to try a risky hook, which Williams mishit and Jack Russell, the wicket-keeper, held the catch. Rain interrupted play in during the afternoon and the Leeward Islands struggled to 120-4 at tea.

England could be pleased with their performance, although there will be tempestuous days ahead. The first one-day international is in Barbados on February 16 and three days later the first Test takes place in Jamaica.

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45 police facing corruption allegations

By Edward Gorman and Stewart Tendler

A DOSSIER naming 45 police officers was passed to prosecution lawyers yesterday by the Police Complaints Authority. Six of the officers are accused of selling seized drugs and 128 other allegations include planting drugs, theft, conspiracy to pervert the course of justice and assaults during arrests.

Sir John Smith, deputy commissioner of the Metropolitan police, said Scotland Yard faced the most serious corruption allegations for 20 years. The allegations centre on junior officers working from Stoke Newington station in northeast London and police relationships with one of the largest drug dealing areas in the capital.

Sir John, the Yard officer in charge of discipline, pointed out that the allegations were not criminal charges. But charges for at least some officers are expected to be brought within weeks. Other officers could face disciplinary action from the Yard.

The allegations involve mainly constables and some sergeants. Nothing on this scale has been seen in London since the 1970s, when the Metropolitan police was dogged by allegations involving Yard CID squads.

The investigation was supervised by the complaints authority, and Sir John said Operation Jackpot was not yet over. "There is much left to be done."

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Howard clashes with Princess on single parents

By Jill Sherman, Political Correspondent

THE controversial debate over single parents that has dogged the Prime Minister's back-to-basics campaign was reopened yesterday by Michael Howard when he appeared to clash with the Princess Royal.

The Home Secretary suggested that children from broken homes were more likely to become criminals, while the Princess Royal, speaking at the same London conference, hit out at those who "scapegoated particular families".

Announcing a new clause to the Criminal Justice Bill, which could compel parents to pay up to £1,000 if their children do not comply with court orders, Mr Howard said: "I strongly believe that the surge in births outside a stable and continuing relationship between the parents, especially teenagers is a serious development. It blights the life prospects of the girls and it means that the children are brought up by young women who are barely more than children themselves."

Two hours earlier the Princess Royal warned against the tendency to look for somebody or something to blame. "Scapegoating, however satisfying for those doing it, is no substitute for gathering evidence, looking at the facts and patiently trying to get at the real underlying problems and then doing something about it," she said.

Mr Howard's comments are bound to anger some Cabinet ministers who claim that right-wing ministers have tried to hijack John Major's back-to-basics theme by moralising and attacking single parents. Yesterday Downing Street insisted that Mr Howard's speech had been cleared by the Prime Minister.

In a tough speech urging more parental responsibility, Mr Howard said teaching children the difference between right and wrong began at home. "It is also clear, however, that children's experience of family life, and their relationship with their parents, play a significant role in whether or not they offend."

He proposed that courts could force parents to ensure that their child turned up at attendance centres, or kept appointments with probation officers by imposing fines up to £1,000. Probation workers were sceptical, however. They pointed out that child offenders usually came from families least able to control their children.

Howard refuses to meet Bulgers

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, has refused to meet the parents of James Bulger, the Merseyside toddler, to discuss the sentence faced by Robert Thompson and Jon Venables, his young killers, because he acts in a quasi-judicial capacity in setting their minimum term ... Page 2

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Dublin urges Major to hold fast until Sinn Fein responds

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND MARTIN FLETCHER

JOHN Major's crusade for peace in Northern Ireland encountered fresh difficulties yesterday when Dublin signalled its opposition to the Government's plans to switch the spotlight on to talks with constitutional parties in the province.

Responding to the promise of new proposals from London on the future of Ulster within two weeks, Dick Spring, the Irish Foreign Minister, said that the joint declaration between the two Governments should remain the bedrock of efforts to halt the violence and secure a lasting political settlement.

A senior Irish official said Britain should beware of "running too far ahead" in the quest for a settlement. Sinn Fein is holding a conference on February 19 to consider further its response to the joint declaration and the Irish government does not want to jeopardise its outcome by precipitate moves beforehand.

The rare signs of strain between the two Governments coincided with a fierce attack on Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, on his return from America. Mr Major said it was a disgrace that Mr Adams had been mouthing platitudes while the Provisionals continued their violence.

Sir Robin Renwick, Britain's ambassador in Washington, compared Mr Adams to Goebbels yesterday as he strove to undermine the Sinn Fein leader's public relations coup. Sir Robin, speaking on CNN, accused Mr Adams of spinning the "extraordinary propaganda line ... 'I want peace, but after we've won'."

Mr Adams said at Dublin airport, where he faced protests by victims of IRA violence, that he was "taking about peace not war" and that "we are now talking about the final phase of the conflict".

In the Commons, the Prime Minister backed the effort by Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, to give "focus and direction" to the talks with the constitutional parties, from which Sinn Fein is barred because it has not renounced terrorism.

The US Administration's decision to admit Mr Adams has also caused a rift with Britain that has revealed just how much the so-called "special relationship" means to some of President Clinton's top aides.

The diplomatic circuit was rife with speculation yesterday about the source of an extraordinary quote in *The New York Times* attributed to a "White House technician". The unnamed official said admitting Mr Adams helped Mr Clinton politically and just might help the peace process. "The only downside is that it obviously ticks off the Brits, but equally obviously that is acceptable to a lot of us."

Suspicion has centred on George Stephanopoulos, senior adviser to the President on policy and strategy. Mr Stephanopoulos was the Clinton campaign's communications director and will not have forgotten the Conservatives' support for President Bush.

Other top aides known to have supported Mr Adams's visa were Tony Lake, the National Security Adviser, and Nancy Soderberg, number three on the National Security Council, and according to the *Washington Post*, Vice-President Al Gore.

Sources said the State Department opposed the visa "from top to bottom" with the sole exception of Jean Kennedy Smith, the US ambassador to Dublin.

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Challenge to Tory 'snipers within'

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ceived from friends that he should stop being obsessed with the newspapers, Mr Major quipped: "I will stop reading the papers if you will stop talking to them."

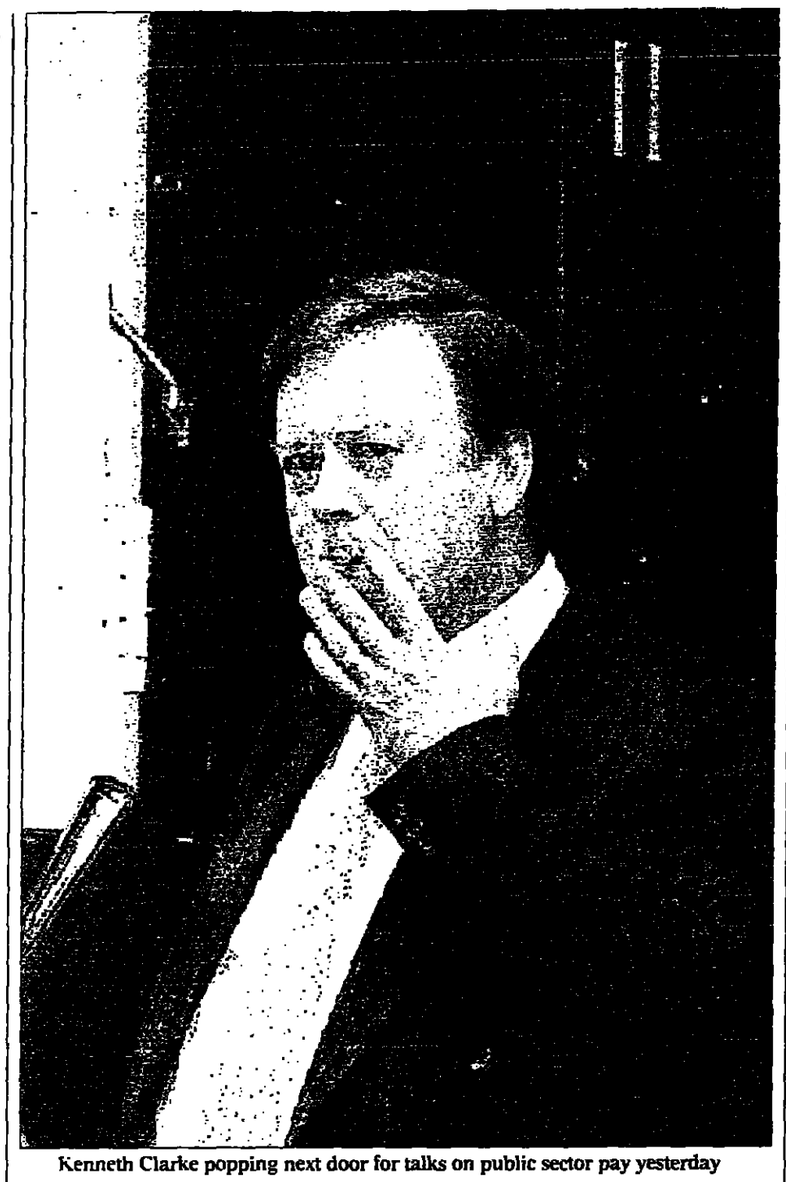
The Prime Minister said his devotion to the party transcended personal ambitions or feelings. "In future, I will put my concern for the country and the party before the personal feelings of others as well."

Mr Major heralded a new campaigning approach which would take him out of London and into the country, where his colleagues believe he performs best. He said: "Too much time is spent in Westminster and Whitehall. I intend to take our case out and about, around the country, week after week after week."

Mr Major's forceful plea won strong acclaim from backbenchers weary of the Tories' internal strife. Alan Duncan, a right-winger and MP for Rutland and Melton, said: "It caught the mood just right. It rose above faction and reminded us what we are here for, who is the enemy and why we are all in the same party."

The Prime Minister said he had asked to speak to them because "there are things that need to be said face to face with friends and colleagues". The Conservatives had a good message. The country was coming out of recession, inflation was low and would stay low, unemployment would go on falling, borrowing was falling, growth was accelerating, exports were soaring, the trade gap was narrowing and confidence was returning.

The elections in May and June were tests of the standing of the Government and would help set the scene for the next general election and a return to power. He said: "I do not wish to rake over the problems but I believe that disputes between Conservatives, especially in parliament, are immensely damaging."



Kenneth Clarke popping next door for talks on public sector pay yesterday

Jobs fear over public pay rise

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education services." But David Hart of the National Association of Head Teachers described the award as "probably the best obtainable in the current climate", and Liz Symons of the civil servants' First Division Association welcomed the acceptance of the review recommendations.

Mr Major had spelt out his insistence that there would be no breach of existing Whitehall spending ceilings, saying: "The Government's policy is that increases in pay must be fully met from existing budgets. Pay increases for public sector staff therefore have to be paid for by greater efficiency, or by savings in the cost of running government itself.

"The costs will be met from the public expenditure totals published at Budget time. There will be no new money to finance these pay increases and, for the second year running, there will be no call on the reserve." He also backed the trend towards deciding pay at local rather than national level and the use of performance-related pay.

Treasury officials suggested that efficiency savings could be made through better use of operating theatres and increased use of day surgery, by more councils adopting competitive tendering and through defence ministry plans to concentrate on frontline troops rather than support staff.

Officials, keen to avoid any adverse market reaction to the larger than expected rises, said they fell fairly and squarely within guidelines set by Mr Clarke last September. He stated then that any increase in pay for government staff would have to be met by improvements in productivity.

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MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

A little dubbing to ease the drubbing

The spectral presence of Gerry Adams — voice dubbed by an actor — hung over PM's Questions yesterday. Even when he wasn't mentioned, one wondered why. Had John Smith very decently acceded to a private request from Downing Street not to mark the Government's inability to prevail with the US President? And what does Adams sound like? So accustomed are we to the voice of an actor on radio or television, that we forget.

When I think of Adams, I think now of an actor's voice. Media producers tend to choose soft Irish lilts, and it may well be that (apart from causing unemployment in the acting profession) the ending of the ban on the real Adams voice would be a disadvantage to Adams himself. Adams may not sound half as reassuring as his impersonators, for any actor worth his salt will try to be persuasive, and actors do it better than politicians, and . . .why yes!

Could this be the salvation of our Prime Minister? Could a Home Office ban on the broadcasting of John Major's voice within the United Kingdom, and the employment of actors behind screens, be what finally lifts those stubborn "personal approval ratings" off the poll-room floor?

The thought struck me when Philip Oppenheim (C, Amber Valley) praising the renaissance of the British motor industry, reminded the PM that it was once "the butt of music hall jokes". It was insensitive of Oppenheim, after an awful week for Mr Major, to mention music hall jokes: but it called to mind the era when, as the silent movies gave way to talkies, directors employed actors and actresses to dub the original stars.

Debbie Reynolds, for instance, was the singing voice of Lina Lamont in *Singing in the Rain*. Lina Lamont had a ghastly voice. Perhaps Debbie could have done something for Norman? John Major, too, became famous before he had to talk. The whips' office is a powerhouse of silent men. Chief Secretaries to the Treasury never have to say anything but "no".

I wonder whether the chap who does the voice-overs for Hamlet cigar ads on TV might take over as the PM's voice? Something smooth and reassuring is needed. And then there is Mr Major's challenger: John Smith, in a familiar adenoidal frenzy yesterday about prescription charges. He always sounds either grumpy or indignant. "Ady igcrease in prescriptiod charges cubs od top of bassive igcreases in taxatiod," he spluttered.

Andrew Cruikshank, who played Dr Cameron in *Dr Finlay's Casebook*, made a more loveable-sounding Scot than Mr Smith. A voice like his is needed if Labour are to regain the English vote. Smith could mime. My colleague on *The Guardian* suggests that Michael Portillo's voice could be done by the chap who played Manuel in *Fawlty Towers*, but this is unworthy.

I doubt, in this age of backbench poodling and party uniformity, that back benchers deserve an actor each. All the northern Labour MPs could be done by the fellow who speaks the Hovis ad: they all say the same thing, so they might as well have the same voice. Gareth Wardell (Lab, Gower), who has a beautiful Welsh accent, should do all the Welsh MPs. Your typical Home Counties Tories (whose opinions and appearances are fairly uniform) could be dubbed by Ian Carmichael or Patricia Routledge, depending on sex.

The idea has merit. But here's a better one. Why not remove the soundtrack altogether? You could have a fellow behind the Speaker's Chair, playing the piano.

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Howard refuses to see Bulger parents

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE Home Secretary has refused to meet the parents of James Bulger, the murdered Merseyside toddler, for discussions about the sentence faced by his young killers.

Denise Bulger said last night that she was "very disappointed" at Michael Howard's decision. "The Home Secretary said a couple of months ago that he wanted to meet us," she said.

"Now we have said that we want to meet him and he has turned round and said he won't see us. I feel very let down over it."

The couple from Kirkby, Merseyside, had asked their solicitor to request a meeting with Mr Howard because they were outraged at recommendations that their son's killers serve a minimum of between eight and ten years.

But Mr Howard turned down their request because he has still to set the minimum sentences for Robert Thompson and Jon Venables.

A Home Office spokesman said: "The letter acknowledged that Mr and Mrs Bulger recognised that the Home Secretary has to follow established procedures when setting a tariff in such cases.

"This procedure puts the Home Secretary in a quasi-judicial position, which means that he has to act in a fair but dispassionate manner, similar to that of a sentencing judge."

Mr Howard's refusal follows official advice that if he met the couple he could find himself the subject of judicial review proceedings. Mr and Mrs Bulger are demanding that Venables and Thompson be detained in custody for the rest of their lives.



Howard: 'has to act in a dispassionate manner'

Avalanche kills man as storms roar back

BY BILL FROST

A CLIMBER died in an avalanche in Scotland yesterday as gales, blizzards and heavy rain swept much of Britain. The man was killed on Buachaille Etive, Glen Coe, but a companion escaped uninjured.

Snow affected roads in mid-Wales and police warned drivers of blizzards on the A55 across North Wales. The AA said that in Powys, roads to Llandrindod Wells, Builth Wells and Crickhowell were difficult because of snow.

Gusts of 70mph buffeted Northern Ireland as severe gales, driving rain and sleet swept the province.

Winds of up to 50mph hit the West Country. The Clyst, near Exeter, was put on a red flood alert by the National Rivers Authority after more than an inch of overnight rain. It was one of ten rivers in the region on which flood alerts were in force and, with surface water on many roads, an AA spokeswoman said: "We are advising people not to travel if they can help it."

At Sidmouth, Devon, Margaret Furness, 68, became trapped in the swollen Sid as she tried to save one of her two English setters. She was recovering from shock and hypothermia in hospital last night. The dog was swept away.

In Hampshire, police urged drivers to slow down in "atrocious conditions" and ferry crossings to the Isle of Wight were disrupted.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Seized beer and wine poured into sewers

More than 5,000 litres of illegally imported beer and 250 litres of wine confiscated by Customs at Dover were destroyed at a water treatment site near Maidstone yesterday. Customs hope the mass destruction will serve as a warning to bootleggers. The haul was one-hundredth of the total seized throughout Britain in the ten months since the introduction of the Single European Act on January 1 last year. In yesterday's operation the alcohol was treated before being discharged into the sewers. Broken glass and crushed cans were taken for recycling. Photograph, page 22

Child agency apologises

The Child Support Agency yesterday admitted that a letter to Stephen Lodge, 29, of Elland, West Yorkshire, demanding maintenance for his ex-wife's unemployed husband and their baby was a mistake. A spokeswoman said: "It was human error." The agency was also claiming arrears and increased payments for Mr Lodge's daughter, aged five.

Husband weeps at trial

A man whose wife allegedly planned to electrocute him in his bath told St Albans Crown Court yesterday that he still loved her. Alan Eyles, 45, made the statement as his wife Sonya, 32, watched impassively. After giving his evidence, Mr Eyles, a lorry driver of Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, left the courtroom in tears. The trial continues.

War cases dropped

Scottish authorities are not to prosecute Antanas Gecas for involvement in the wartime killing of civilians. In 1987 he lost a libel case against Scottish Television after it said he was involved in the murder of Jews and other civilians in Lithuania. The Crown Office said there was insufficient evidence for Scottish prosecutions in any war crime cases.

£55m bid for paper

An informal bid for *The Independent* and *Independent on Sunday*, led by Mirror Group Newspapers, values the titles at £55-57 million. The consortium, including *The Independent*'s Spanish and Italian investors and Andreas Whittam Smith, its founding editor, is understood to be offering 250p per share for 100 per cent of Newspaper Publishing.



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Allegations include assault, theft, racial abuse and the planting of evidence

Police corruption probe implicates 45 officers

BY EDWARD GORMAN

■ Victims of alleged police corruption in Hackney say that they will be satisfied with nothing less than a judicial enquiry

A POLICE enquiry into allegations of police corruption in north London has implicated 45 officers in a total of 134 incidents, involving theft, the planting of drugs and conspiracy to pervert the course of justice.

The disclosure provoked calls for an independent judicial enquiry into the activities of police officers based at Stoke Newington in the borough of Hackney amid criticism of what is seen by local campaigners as another example of the inadequate system of police being called upon to investigate their own kind.

Operation Jackpot was launched in April 1991 after the Metropolitan police received information about the activities of a police officer based at the now notorious Stoke Newington police station in the heart of one of London's poorest areas, where unemployment, crime and drug-dealing are rife.

Officers at the station had been the subject of persistent claims of involvement in taking drugs from dealers — including crack cocaine — and reselling them, planting drugs on suspects and fabricating evidence. The claims have already resulted in one officer being jailed for theft and eight others transferred, three of whom were later suspended.

The investigation was led by Det Supt Ian Russell and supervised by William McCall, of the Police Complaints Authority (PCA), which yesterday announced its completion. Mr Russell's reports are now in the hands of the Crown Prosecution Service, which is to decide whether any officers should face prosecution.



Smith: has no faith in enquiry procedure

The Jackpot team considered 24 separate cases after sifting through a mass of evidence in the form of interview and custody records, reports of court proceedings and 376 statements taken by investigating officers. Of the 24 cases, 22 were the subject of 134 complaints or allegations against police officers at Stoke Newington.

The PCA said 65 of the allegations were connected with the planting of drugs or "evidence" on suspects; 27 involved conspiracy to pervert the course of justice; 27 concerned theft; and nine were of assault. Six other allegations were not specified.

The investigation implicates 45 officers, almost all of whom are drawn from the uniformed ranks of constable and detective constable. However, 22 of the officers are the subject of only one allegation. A small group, thought to include the eight officers transferred from Stoke Newington in January 1992, are connected with many of the complaints.

The PCA said it was very happy with the way the enquiry had been conducted. Officers on the Jackpot team had investigated "to the maximum extent possible in the circumstances". But it also pointed out that some complainants had given limited co-operation and the very lengthy delays in some cases before complaints were made.

Claims made in Stoke Newington yesterday that the CPS had rejected an original version of the report last summer and asked for further work by the investigating team were vigorously denied by Richard Offer, spokesman for the PCA. He said it was the PCA itself which had asked for further work to be carried out by Mr Russell's team. "Mr Russell submitted a report to us. We then asked for more work on some files," he said.

However, at the Hackney Community Defence Association, which has led the battle for justice in the borough and has recorded 381 cases of alleged police abuses, there was scepticism about Jackpot. Graham Smith, for the association, said he did not expect many prosecutions. "We're expecting a handful at most of minor charges, because we have no faith in this procedure," he said. "It's all geared towards maintaining the credibility of the police station and challenging the credibility of the complainants."

Mr Smith said the only satisfactory way to clear the air was an independent judicial enquiry, something also called for by Brian Sedgemore, Labour MP for Hackney.

"It is quite apparent, when you have a breakdown in police/community relations, that it is pretty pointless to have a police internal investigation to sort it out," he added.

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SIMON WALKER



Pamela Simms, a leading local campaigner, makes her point yesterday

Train Robber returns to jail

BY A STAFF REPORTER

ROY "the weasel" James, the Great Train Robber, was back behind bars yesterday after receiving a six-year sentence for shooting his former father-in-law and wounding his ex-wife in a divorce dispute.

An Old Bailey jury rejected his defence that he was insane at the time and saw himself with gun in hand and felt "a thunderstorm in his mind". James, 58, left the dock clutching a photograph of his daughters Rachel, 8, and Samantha, 6, over whom he had custody until the shooting last May.

He was cleared of attempting to murder David Wadlow, but was convicted of wounding him. He was acquitted of wounding Anthea James, 28, with intent to cause her grievous bodily harm but was found guilty of unlawful wounding.

James was jailed for 30 years at Buckingham Assizes in 1964 for his part in the £2.6 million Royal Mail train robbery and spent 13 years behind bars.

Judge Grigson told him: "You know that you have to go to prison. These offences are so serious that no other course can be contemplated. I take into account that since 1964 you have not been convicted of any criminal offences."

Drug-dealing tops charge sheet in Operation Jackpot

BY EDWARD GORMAN

THE offences allegedly committed by some police officers based in Stoke Newington, which were investigated by Operation Jackpot, include:

☐ Pocketing thousands of pounds through running drug-dealers whom they supplied with drugs seized during police raids on other dealers;

☐ Planting drugs on known dealers to obtain convictions and thus to give their own dealers less competition;

☐ Planting drugs on people who were not involved in dealing to help to improve the clean-up record;

☐ Soliciting bribes from known drug-dealers to help them escape prosecution;

☐ Regularly assaulting and racially abusing black suspects.

A typical victim of the corrupt practice alleged against some Stoke Newington police is Benny Wilson, a 43-year-old voluntary care worker originally from Jamaica.

In January 1991 Mr Wilson, who had a record of trouble with the law when he was young, was working as a disc jockey at a club. When he returned home one morning that month after dropping his daughter at school, police raided his home and handcuffed him.

Mr Wilson's hopes that the officers would quickly realise their mistake were dashed when the police proceeded to produce plastic packets which he had never seen before from a kitchen cabinet and then a sawn-off shotgun and ammunition.

Mr Wilson was then informed that he was being arrested in connection with a robbery and for possession of a pistol and a shotgun. He also faced 12 other charges including possession of cocaine, amphetamines and cannabis and offences connected with cheque fraud.

Mr Wilson was held at Pentonville prison in north London and was refused bail.



Lewandowski: said he was asked to plant gun

When he was eventually offered bail, he could not afford the £50,000 in cash that was required.

He launched a campaign to protest his innocence, and enlisted the help of the British pressure group Liberty and the International Commission of Jurists, Justice. After six months the charges against him were thrown out.

A former officer based at Stoke Newington, Roy Lewandowski, who has served an 18-month prison sentence for theft, has since told Mr Wilson that another officer at the station had asked him to help plant a sawn-off shotgun at Mr Wilson's home. Mr Wilson is taking a civil action against the police and was interviewed by the detectives working on Operation Jackpot.



Harrison: magistrates threw out charges

Another victim is Ida Oderinde, a Nigerian-born mother of three who was sentenced to four years in jail for heroin-dealing in 1991 when her youngest child was only a few months old.

During her trial, Mrs Oderinde alleged that she had witnessed a friend of hers who was a known dealer of crack cocaine being given a bag of the drug by two police constables.

Two police officers who claimed at Mrs Oderinde's trial that they had found heroin in a disused fridge in her home, were later suspended for perjury.

Mrs Oderinde was cleared on appeal in March last year after Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, was told that the Crown Prosecution Service accepted that evidence from the police officers was unreliable.

A more recent case, which occurred last November, illustrates what campaigners in Stoke Newington claim is typical of a racially motivated assault: a black couple who witnessed a mentally ill man being beaten by police officers ended up being assaulted themselves when they went to report it.

Hazel Bruno-Gilbert and her fiancé Audley Harrison were returning from a party early in the morning when they saw the incident at a bus stop. The couple went to Stoke Newington police station to report the incident, but police officers refused to accept what Ms Bruno-Gilbert said. After she told them she would go to Hackney police station instead, there was a struggle and the couple were charged with obstruction.

The case against Ms Bruno-Gilbert and Mr Harrison was later thrown out by magistrates in Highbury, north London.

TV ghosts traumatise boys

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

TWO boys needed hospital treatment after watching a Hallowe'en programme. Doctors say they are the first victims of post-traumatic stress caused by television.

The boys, aged ten, suffered nightmares and panic attacks and developed a fear of sleeping alone after seeing "Ghostwatch". One needed behaviour therapy as an in-patient for eight weeks and the other was treated as an out-patient.

The programme, presented by Michael Parkinson, Mike Smith and Sarah Greene, was advertised as a fictionalised drama-documentary about the haunting of a suburban family home. Many viewers were fooled into believing it was a live documentary on the supernatural. No warning was given before or after the broadcast, which started at 9.25pm.

The boys were referred separately by their GPs to Gulson hospital, Coventry, four months after the programme was shown in October 1992. One had nightmares and daytime flashbacks, slept with the light on and banged his head to remove thoughts of ghosts. He refused to let his mother go out without him.

He was admitted to the child and family unit for eight weeks while his mother was helped to control his behaviour.

The second boy felt sick after watching the programme and needed constant reassurance throughout night hours. The outpatients department encouraged him to sleep in his own room. His parents were told to comfort him but not to discuss the show.

The doctors who treated the boys say in the *British Medical Journal* that they showed signs of post-traumatic stress disorder, not reported previously in connection with a television programme. The disorder is normally seen in battle-weary soldiers and road accident survivors. Both improved with treatment but the authors say that risk factors for the development of the disorder in children "remain obscure".



When he was 28, John Ridgway rowed across the North Atlantic with Chay Blyth. And, because other men died making the same crossing, John has regarded life ever since as a bonus. "To justify this bonus," he says, "life must be lived to the full."

Living life to the full.

It remained for him to find his personal definition of a life fully lived. Now, nearly 25 years later, his response emerges in a clear pattern.

Summers are spent running courses at his Adventure School in Scotland, built by hand on the otherwise deserted Ardmore peninsula, a dozen miles south of Cape Wrath and far from the road. "Nothing easily gained," he says, "is really worth having."

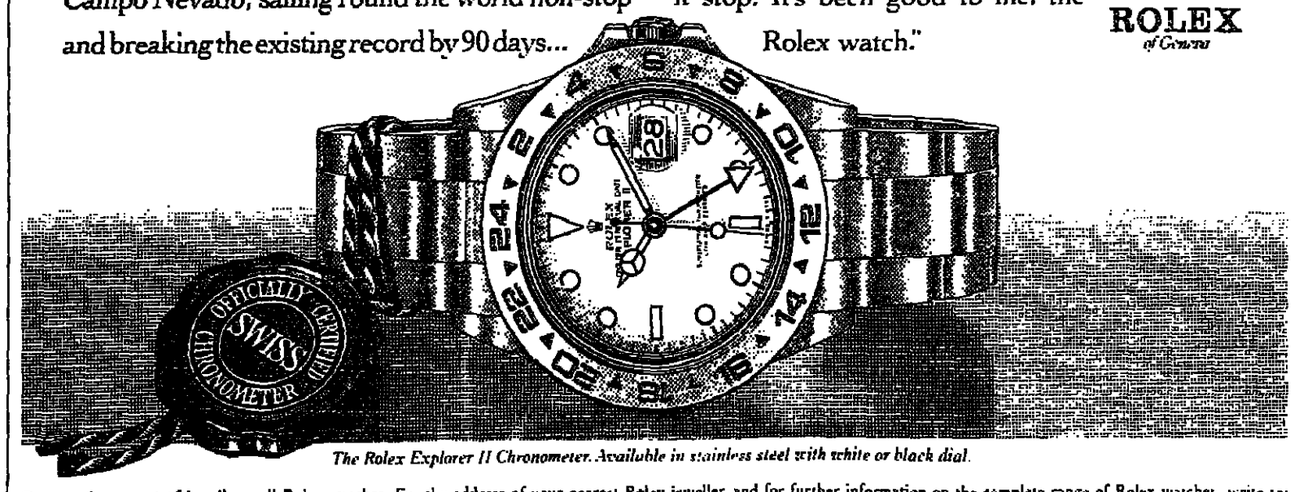
Winters are given to expeditions – following the Amazon 4,000 miles from its source to the sea; making the first crossing of Patagonia's Gran Campo Nevado; sailing round the world non-stop and breaking the existing record by 90 days...

At first, John's reaction to the bonus of life seems exclusively physical. But it isn't that simple. "The human being," he says, "is half mind and half body and if you use only mind or only body, it's wanting."

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Does the man who says "being is more important than having" treasure any possessions himself? He lists his favourite lightweight army combat boots, his monocular, his knife and his Rolex. "I like to think that whatever I have is not going to let me down. I've never known it stop. It's been good to me, the Rolex watch."

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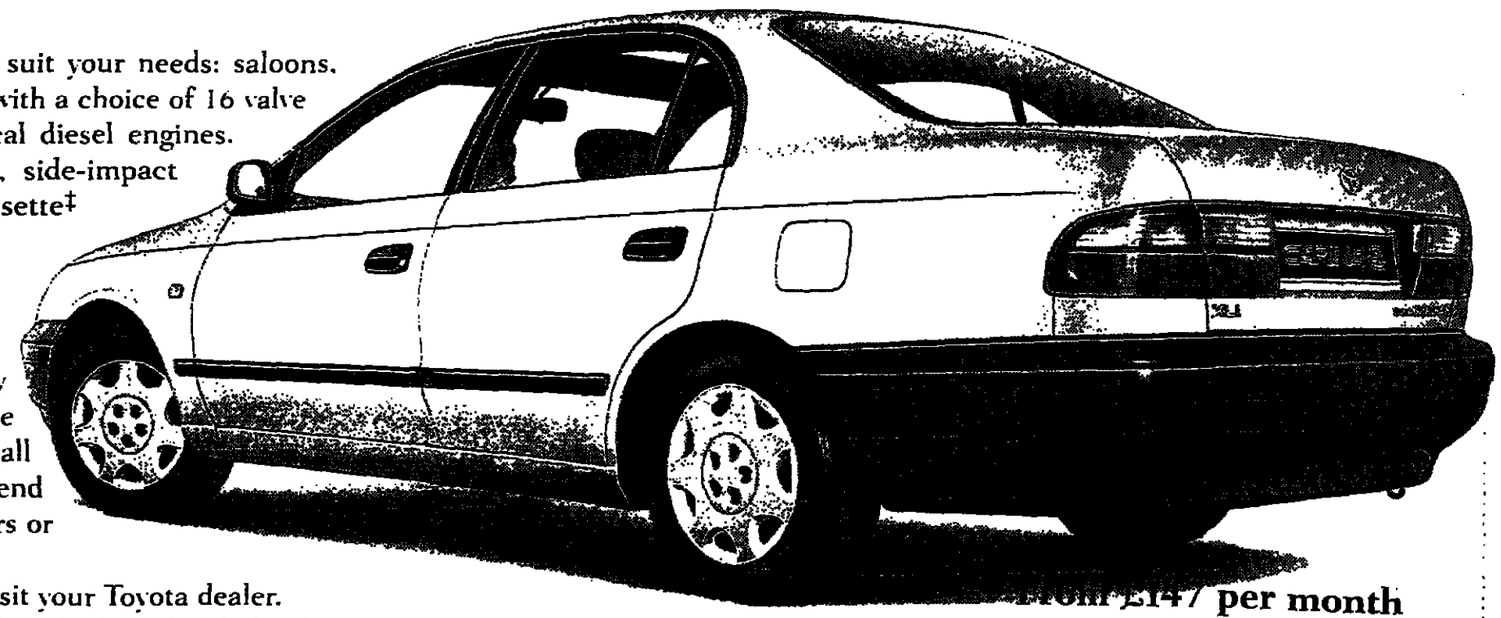
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Princess adds to warnings over safaris for tearaways

BY RICHARD FORD; HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE Princess Royal gave a warning yesterday that sending young offenders on safaris threatened to undermine the credibility of programmes aimed at reforming criminals.

As she spoke, it was disclosed that a youth sent on an 80-day "character building" tour of Africa had been arrested twice within days of his return. The admission by police that the youth, aged 17, was detained on December 23 and 28 will trigger further public controversy over the wisdom of sending alleged offenders on overseas trips.

The arrests were revealed as the Princess said it was essential that experimental programmes dealing with criminal behaviour reassured the public that they were effective in reducing crime.

She told a conference in London on crime and the family: "Sending young offenders on safari may well be good for them but it doesn't sit well with people who are fed up with having their houses burgled, their cars twoced [taken without consent] and their town centres vandalised."

She added: "So many successful experimental programmes fail to reach a wider public because they are too expensive and too complicated to run. Our programmes must be credible with the wider public."

But she also cautioned against apportioning blame too freely: "It really does not help to label particular housing estates or particular groups or particular families as scapegoats — so often the scapegoats are themselves the victims."

The Princess made her comments after a public and political outcry over the Gloucester youth. His trip, organised by the Bryn Melyn centre at Bala in Gwynedd, cost the taxpayer £7,000.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, led criticism of the trip. He has urged local authorities not to sent offenders on foreign trips as part of programmes dealing with offending behaviour.

Until yesterday it had been believed that the boy had been arrested only once since the trip. He has been charged with driving without insurance or a test certificate in Gloucester on December 23 and failing to produce his driving licence and other motoring documents.

Five days later he was detained again by police. He has been charged with carrying an offensive weapon and driving with excess alcohol in Gloucester. A further charge on the same date alleges that he failed to notify change of ownership of a car.

The teenager was also cautioned for being in possession of amphetamines and cannabis, when he was stopped in a road check on December 28. He has been bailed to appear before Gloucester youth court on March 2.

He is to appear at Gloucester youth court today on four charges dating from before his sightseeing visit to Africa. The youth is facing charges of house burglary, affray and assaulting a householder.

He had been taken on the trip to Africa as part of a course run by the Bryn Melyn children's centre. The boy had been sent to the centre by Gloucestershire County Council social services department as an alternative to more expensive local authority secure accommodation.

Three weeks ago, the youth appeared before Gloucester magistrates, where he admitted 36 offences committed before he went to Africa.

The court imposed a 12-month supervision order with a condition of six months' residence in the care of Bryn Melyn. The youth was also banned from driving for 12 months and ordered to pay £60 compensation to a children's home worker he struck with a metal tube.



The Prince shelters from a downpour yesterday

Prince downs a 'dark and stormy' after blast from cyclone Sadie

FROM ALAN HAMILTON IN BRISBANE

CYCLONE Sadie lashed her tail at the Prince of Wales during his tour of Queensland yesterday, causing a moment's anxiety as his aircraft landed in a torrential downpour.

The Falcon executive jet of the Royal Australia Air Force bringing the Prince to the small town of Gladstone, north of Brisbane, had to make a difficult landing in atrocious conditions. Minutes later, the captain became ill, was whisked to a doctor in the town, and was pronounced unfit to fly.

Spectators waiting at the airfield in pouring rain saw the Prince's aircraft emerge from thick, low cloud and approach the runway at about 200ft. It then opened its throttle and climbed again for a second, and successful, approach and landing. There was no suggestion that the Prince was at any time in danger.

Richard Aylard, the Prince's private secretary, dismissed suggestions that the aircraft's approach had been less than perfect. The captain, he said, had been getting visual identification of the runway after approaching the airfield on instruments. "He did not overshoot or anything. It was a low cloud base, and there are not good approach aids. You come down until you get below the cloud to get a look."

Having landed, the pilot felt "very shaky", according to Mr Aylard, and almost immediately started being sick. The Prince, to avoid delay, switched to a Cessna Citation executive jet belonging to the Queensland police, to make his next hop to the nearby town of Bundaberg.

Mr Aylard said. "It was a choice of using the police plane or missing Bundaberg. The Prince said: 'We can't leave all these people hanging around, especially in all that rain.' He really worries about people who have turned out to see him."

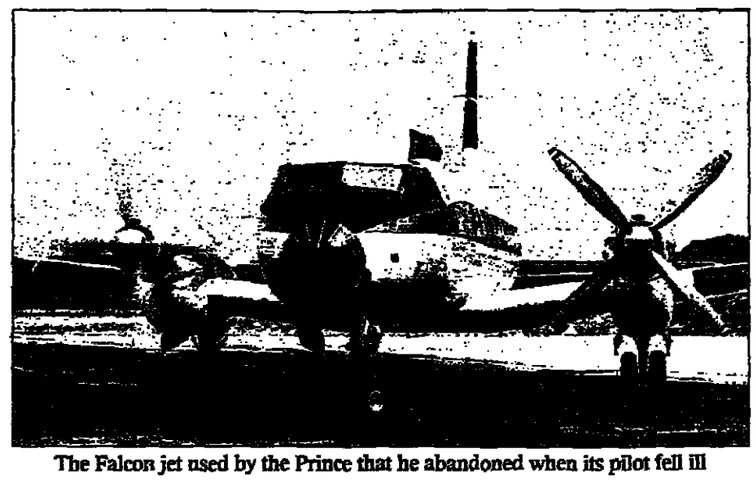
Gladstone had 11in of rain in the 24 hours before the Prince's arrival, and farmers all over Queensland praised him as a greater power than any Aboriginal rain dancer for breaking an 18-month drought. A mere cyclone is not enough to deter the Prince from important business. In Gladstone, he visited a factory making environmentally friendly lollipop sticks from a renewable plantation of Australian hoop pine. The Prince was offered a Rainbow Paddlepop lolly on an eco-friendly stick, but declined.

He was less reticent at his next stop, Bundaberg, where he toured a sugar cane plant and its adjoining distillery, famous throughout the Antipodes for its rum. In front of a battery of cameras, he was offered a sample. Mindful of his public relations triumph in entering a pub in Tasmania for a glass of Glenfiddich last Saturday, the media were on tenterhooks. Would he, or would he not?

He would. "I'm going to prove I can actually drink," he said to the cameras. He tried first a neat rum on ice, followed by a "dark and stormy" — a rum and ginger beer; he appeared to enjoy it considerably more than a Rainbow Paddlepop. But you can't take the sting out of a cyclone with a lollipop.

☐ Australian prosecutors yesterday dropped two charges against David Kang, 23, the student who fired a blank pistol at the Prince, saying the heir to the British throne did not fit the definition of "an internationally protected person" mentioned in the charges.

Kang still faces four assault and firearms charges. He will appear in court again today.



The Falcon jet used by the Prince that he abandoned when its pilot fell ill

Abused girl 'hired hitman for revenge'

A GIRL aged 16 recruited a hitman to carry out a revenge attack on her stepfather after he sexually abused her and another young girl, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

The stepfather, Archibald Bigham, had been put on probation after admitting a series of indecent assaults on Karen Bigham when she was 11, David Spens, for the prosecution, said.

However, when she learnt that he had attacked another young girl while on probation and attending a course for sex offenders, she launched a plot which ended with him being stabbed to death.

"In her eyes, the court which had put Archibald Bigham on probation had failed to stop him from doing it again," Mr Spens said. "She decided to stop him for good."

Mr Bigham, 42, was attacked in his home in Barking, east London, in August 1992. His throat was slashed and when he ran into the street he was chased and stabbed repeatedly.

Karen Bigham, then 16, had approached the alleged hit man, Vincent Scott, in a burger bar in Southend. She was overheard telling him: "He has done it again to a five-year-old. I want him done good. I plan to get my stepdad and put him in hospital," Mr Spens said. "Ultimately, she introduced her brother Paul to Scott to join forces with him on the night of the attack."

The two men allegedly broke in and lay in wait for Mr Bigham to return home. After questioning him about his sexual behaviour they stabbed him to death, Mr Spens said.

Mr Scott, 19 and Paul Bigham, 19, both from Southend, deny murder. Karen Bigham, from Shoeburyness, Essex, has denied aiding and abetting murder. A fourth man, Gary Lee, 30, from Southend, also denies aiding and abetting. He is alleged to have supplied Mr Scott with a knife.

The trial continues.

Hume speaks out on gay consent age

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Basil Hume, yesterday urged Parliament to be cautious over the issue of the homosexual age of consent.

Cardinal Hume said MPs should "make a prudential judgment as to whether or not the common good of society will best be served by a further decriminalisation of homosexual genital acts".

Such acts, he said, were "morally unacceptable". Cardinal Hume continued: "The law should always seek to protect young people and promote moral values that society recognises as wholesome."

MPs are due this month to take a free vote on an amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill by Edwina Currie proposing that the age of consent for homosexuals be reduced from 21 to 16, the same age as for heterosexuals. The Labour leadership supports the amendment but a recent BBC survey of MPs suggested a majority opposed it.

In a statement, Cardinal Hume said two principles underpinned the Roman Catholic Church's teaching on sexual matters. "First, the genital expression of love is intended in God's plan to find its place exclusively within marriage between a man and a woman. Secondly, this act must be open to the possible transmission of new life. Thus Catholic teaching cannot equate a homosexual partnership with a heterosexual marriage."

He said: "Being a homosexual person is neither morally good nor morally bad: it is homosexual genital acts that are morally wrong."

Conceding that the Church's ideal of sexuality was difficult to achieve, he said: "God expects homosexual people, as indeed he does heterosexual people, to keep his law and to work towards achieving a difficult ideal, even if this will only be achieved gradually." He said the Church condemned any violence in speech or action towards homosexuals.

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Hume: moral values should be promoted

Women in fear of computers

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

COMPUTERPHOBIA — the fear and loathing of anything to do with computers — may afflict one in three workers, according to two British psychologists.

Women are especially vulnerable, denying themselves job opportunities because they are so reluctant to use computers. Older male managers, who regard typing as women's work, are also often phobic. Some computerphobes will not even use hole-in-the-wall cash dispensers.

Writing in *The Psychologist*, Mark Brosnan, of the University of Greenwich, and Dr Marilyn Davidson, of Manchester School of Management, say about 5 per cent of people suffer physical effects, including nausea, dizziness and high blood pressure when confronted by a computer.

Reviewing a mass of psychological data on the phenomenon, they conclude that a lot of women develop their distaste for the keyboard after being elbowed off the computer at school by more aggressive boys.

Dr Davidson said: "If there are computers around, little boys tend to dominate them. Girls can do just as well as boys, but they tend to get put off and develop a phobia.

"The same is true of the video, which is nearly always considered man's work. Yet women don't mind using microwave ovens. It is almost as if they are classed as feminine, while computers are masculine."

The phobia is more than a psychological curiosity. The proportion of women doing computer science courses has fallen from its 1979 peak of one in four to only one in fourteen in 1990.

Dr Davidson said computerphobia can often be overcome with proper training. "A lot of it is fear of the unknown," she said.

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UNDERGROUND

Cholesterol evidence 'conclusive'

Fatty diet doubles heart disease risk

By Jeremy Laurance, Health Services Correspondent

THE risk of a heart attack could be cut by up to a half and tens of thousands of lives saved if the average Briton ate less fat, according to studies in 17 different countries.

Researchers claim the "conclusive evidence" linking cholesterol with heart disease is of comparable weight to that linking smoking and lung cancer. Reducing the amount of fat in the British diet by one sixth would cut blood cholesterol by 10 per cent, enough to prevent half of all heart attacks among men and women aged 40 and a fifth of attacks among those aged 70.

In an attempt to settle the decade-long argument over the causes of heart disease, researchers at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, have combined the evidence from the most comprehensive studies published so far. The results, published in three papers in the *British Medical Journal*, show that the link between blood cholesterol and heart disease is even more important than previously thought.

Dr Malcolm Law, chief author of the three papers, said the controversy surrounding cholesterol arose because some trials were too short to show the full effect. "The combined evidence on the efficacy and safety of lowering blood cholesterol levels is conclusive," he said.

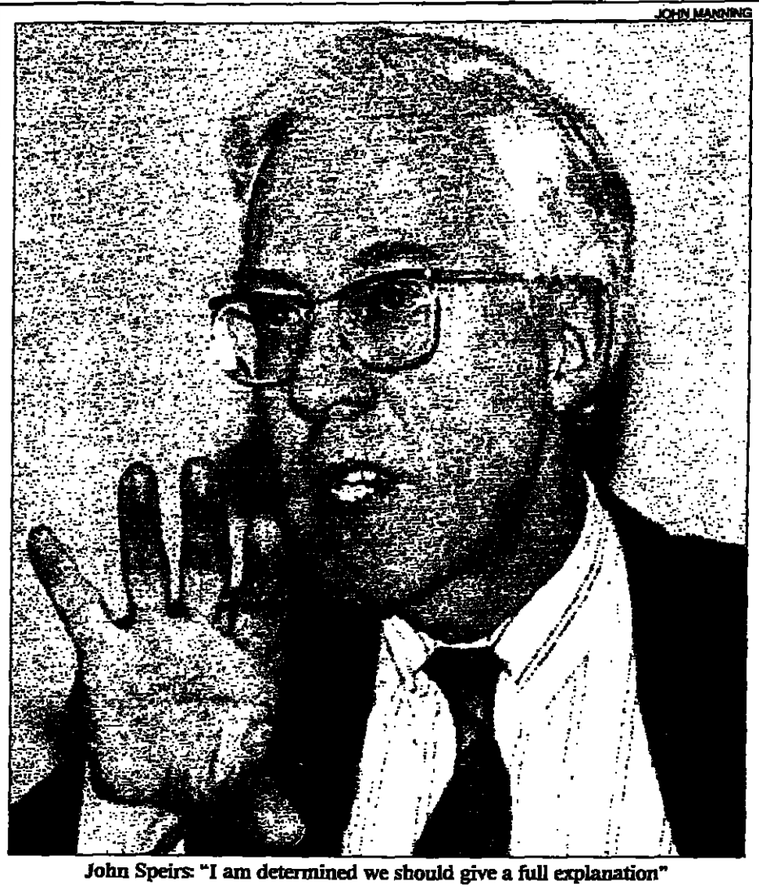
Professor Nicholas Wald, professor of preventive medicine at St Bartholomew's, said "nearly everyone" in Britain and other Western countries had too high a blood cholesterol because they ate too much fat, especially saturated (animal) fat. "Eating less saturated fat would achieve substantial health benefits," he said.

The researchers say that the benefits of reducing cholesterol are felt within two years and the full benefit within five. The cut in heart attack risk occurs whatever the initial level of cholesterol and is greatest at younger ages. A man aged 35 who cuts his cholesterol by 0.6 millimoles (10 per cent of the average level of 6.0 mmol) will halve his heart attack risk by the age of 40.

The researchers say a reduction of that order is not difficult to achieve by changes in the diet on a collective basis, although the amount of fat eaten by the average Briton has remained stubbornly high over the past 20 years. However, they admit that, for an individual, achieving the reduction would be difficult. "You have got to be quite aggressive in eating differently from your family and your peers to achieve the necessary reduction on your own." Professor Wald said.

Fears that reducing cholesterol might increase the risk of cancer, accidents and suicide are dismissed. The researchers say that the link with suicide arose because people who are depressed lose their appetite and eat less, so lowering their blood cholesterol.

JOHN MANNING



John Speirs: "I am determined we should give a full explanation"

4,000 women in smear blunder

By Our Health Services Correspondent

ABOUT 4,000 women are being recalled for repeat cervical smears after it emerged that they had been "forgotten" by administrators.

In another embarrassing setback for the cervical screening programme, health managers yesterday announced an enquiry into how the blunder occurred. A telephone helpline giving information, advice and reassurance has been set up and a letter sent to all the women, advising them to have another smear.

The move was announced by the Merton, Sutton and Wandsworth Family Health Services Authority in south-west London after the error came to light two weeks ago.

The women, all of whom had mildly abnormal or inadequate smear tests (ones the laboratory could not read), should have been reminded to attend for a repeat smear. They and their GPs were told of the original test results but their names were omitted from the computer that issues the recall letters.

Teams of staff from the authority have contacted all 128 local GP practices and have identified 3,860 women who may need a follow-up smear. The authority stressed that none of the women with mildly abnormal smears had cancer and there was "very little chance" that the disease would have developed during the interval.

The incident is the fifth in the past year which have undermined women's confidence in the screening programme.

John Speirs, chairman of the authority, said: "I deeply regret what has happened and I am determined that we should give a full explanation of the mistakes."

Sir Kenneth Calman, the Chief Medical Officer, announced last month initiatives to improve management of the programme. Dr Brian Mawhinney, the health minister, said what had happened in Wandsworth was "unacceptable".

Tessa Jowell, Labour's spokeswoman on health for London, called for an overhaul of the screening service.

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Rare films fading into history

By Alison Roberts
Arts Reporter

THOUSANDS of old films, including George Formby features and historically important newsreels, are decomposing and will be lost forever because of underfunding, according to a National Audit Office report.

More than 80 million feet of nitrate-based film, described as the warp and weft of British cinema, are at risk. Some films, dating back to 1895 and held in the British Film Institute's national archive, needs to be copied urgently on to modern film stock.

Original plans to preserve the film by the year 2000 have been dropped and the process may now take up to 60 years. The audit office report on the BFI says that, during this time, some film will inevitably deteriorate and be lost before it can be preserved.

Clyde Jeavons, curator of the National Film and Television Archive, said that a large amount of British cultural history exists on the chemically unstable film. "We are talking about the warp and weft of British cinema — films that people went to see every week," he said.

"Newsreels and documentaries are also threatened. These are highly important historic films, showing the royal family, records of war and important politicians."

The archive receives £4 million from the BFI's £15 million government grant, and plans to preserve three million feet this year and four million in 1995-96 will go ahead. But the NAO says that the archive must begin to give priority to films waiting to be preserved so that only the least important can be left until last.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Police link sex attacks

A man who sexually assaulted a woman in Bromley, south-east London, after tying her wrists and throat might have committed five previous attacks, police said yesterday. In the past two years a man of similar description has raped two women and indecently assaulted another three.

The latest victim, a mother of two, was on her way to a Bible class on Tuesday morning when she was attacked.

Court death

Frank Guild, 69, from Tamworth, Staffordshire, who told a friend he had forgotten his heart pills, collapsed and died while giving evidence in an arson case at Stafford Crown Court.

Insurance fear

Police say drivers in the North West may not be insured if they answered an advertisement for Mono Services and have a certificate from London Associated Insurance.

River woman

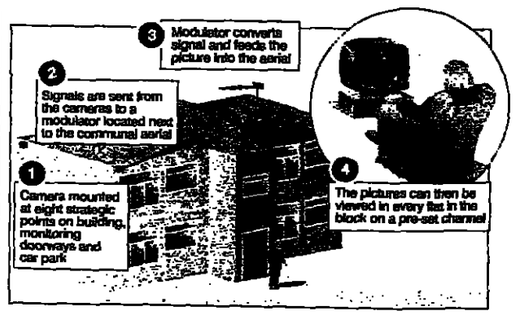
A woman who died when her car plunged into the River Trent in Nottinghamshire was yesterday named as Mrs Frances Louise Brooks, 29, of Bassingham, Lincolnshire.

Village voyage

The 400-strong population of Eperlecques, near Calais, are taking advantage of a £1 cross-Channel offer by P&O in France next month and have booked a trip to Dover.

Firemen hurt

Six firemen were overcome by fumes as 70 firefighters tackled a "suspicious" fire at a plastics storage plant at Darlaston, West Midlands.



Armchair detectives tune to crimewatch

By Paul Wilkinson

FAMILIES on a council housing estate in Cleveland are being asked to look out for thieves and vandals simply by tuning in a vacant channel on their television. Closed circuit cameras around their housing block will feed pictures directly into their homes.

"It means that residents can be bobbies in their own homes," said Alastair Rae, of Hartlepool Borough Council. "We have examined the idea and think it is a very cost-effective and efficient way of people protecting their homes and keeping an eye on crime.

"It gives people a feeling of safety and if they spot anything out of the ordinary they can call in the police."

The council yesterday agreed to spend £13,000 on eight cameras for the two-storey block of 35 flats on the Rossmere estate, where there have been problems with vandals and car thieves. The cameras will scan the front and rear entrances to the block as well as the car park.

If the pilot scheme is successful it will be extended to other estates. A similar system is also to be installed in Camden, north London.

Mr Rae said: "It removes the need for security guards and gives peace of mind. Crime is the biggest issue at the moment and we want our residents to feel safe."

Sgt Alan Watson, Hartlepool's crime prevention officer, said: "This sounds like a marvellous idea. It will help people protect their homes and give them control over their own security."



Trade union leaders say size of awards reflects a significant reverse in Government thinking

Major hails success of linking public pay to performance

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

THE pay recommendations for 1.4 million public-sector employees indicated the progress of making public service pay more closely related to performance, the Prime Minister said yesterday.

The Government's acceptance in full of the findings of all six pay review bodies is in marked contrast to decisions made previously. In recent years, the Government has introduced rises in stages or cut the awards from the pay review bodies, but no phasing will be applied this year except within the armed forces.

The Government's claim that the cost of the awards will be met from current public spending totals and will involve no extra money is a testament to the more flexible policy on pay for all public-sector employees adopted for this year and up to 1997.

Instead of last year's strict limit of 1.5 per cent, the Government has frozen the public-sector pay bill for the next four years. Though public-sector trade unions criticised this strategy, it allows for individual pay rises provided they are paid for by efficiency gains or other cost savings.

Trade union leaders' claims that the size of the pay rises reflected a reverse in Government thinking in the face of determined union opposition were seen by public-sector pay analysts as a misunderstanding of the pay bill freeze or, more likely, an attempt to score propaganda points.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, said last night that efficiency improvements did not necessarily mean job cuts, but could be made by "better working practices and cutting out waste".

The review body rises, which reflect movements in comparable levels of private-sector pay, all take into account the Government's urging that the recommendations made should also reflect prevailing economic conditions — a significant shift from reports in previous years.

The review bodies also reflected the Government's desire to make public-sector pay reflect more closely local conditions, including specifically local problems or lack of them in recruiting and retaining staff.

However, a number of the review bodies — especially those for NHS employees — pointed to a marked gap between the policy urged by ministers and the lack of any effective, practical proposals for performance and locally related pay being brought forward by specific Government departments.

Most urged departments to introduce such proposals next year and to negotiate them with the appropriate trade unions and representative bodies.

As an explanation of the review bodies' recommendations, public-sector pay analysts also pointed to Treasury figures this week showing marked job losses in the public rather than private sector. Over the past year, 327,000 public-sector jobs have gone — two thirds of the total — as against 177,000 jobs in the private sector.

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JOHN ANGERSON

David Baynes, above, a chemistry teacher from Bradford, says the Prime Minister's vision of the future for his profession is still no more than a dream. Three years ago, John Major said: "What I want to achieve is a position where the man in the woolly sweater and the battered sedan and the grimy house at the corner of the street is not the local teacher." Yesterday, Mr Baynes, 37, said: "I thought Mr Major was describing me, right down to the jumper. But there's been no change in my situation. If anything it's got worse." He earns £18,000 a year and does not plead poverty. He simply points out that every year his lifestyle lags further behind university friends who chose other careers. He said: "We've even slipped behind other public-sector workers such as the police and nurses. You've got to be totally dedicated to go into teaching. Money is completely secondary."

Efficiency is the key for top civil servants

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

SENIOR SALARIES

PERFORMANCE pay is a central feature of the senior salaries review body's recommendations.

For the senior Civil Service, it recommends that all future pay increases for grades 2 and 3 — those directly under permanent secretary level — should be determined by performance, and that any "standard" pay increases for such staff should be discontinued.

In addition, a bonus scheme with a budget of at least £100,000 should be set up for up to 30 individuals "who have performed outstandingly".

For the 1,400 members of the judiciary, the review body notes that the "recruitment of the candidates best qualified for judicial office is proving increasingly difficult, largely for financial reasons" — a trend it views with grave concern.

Recommending increases of 2.75 per cent this year, the review body recognises that the Government is unable to fund any more substantial increase. The review body says ministers should accept the need for improvement in judicial salaries to alleviate the problem of recruiting judges.

For the senior ranks of the armed forces, the review body edges closer towards recommending performance-related pay, despite the fact that up to now the Government's view has been that such pay systems are "inappropriate" for the armed forces.

Increase 'no cause for dancing in the streets'

By John O'Leary, education editor

TEACHERS

TEACHERS' leaders were divided on their reaction to the 2.9 per cent pay rise, but employers warned of larger classes and possible redundancies as schools struggle to balance their budgets.

Graham Lane, chairman of the Council of Local Education Authorities, said: "Schools across the land will have a nightmare few weeks as they try to balance their budgets in the light of today's award." With 1.7 per cent more children in schools next year, larger classes were inevitable.

David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "Heads and deputies will not be dancing in the streets over the award, but they are realists. They understand that it is probably the best obtainable."

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said: "The settlement might just about be enough to maintain the uneasy truce over pay levels." But Doug McAvoy, of the National Union of Teachers, said his members faced a pay cut, since inflation and tax rises meant they needed 6.25 per cent just to stand still.

Nursing assessors lacked guidelines

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

HEALTH SERVICE

THE nurses' pay review body recommended a national pay rise this year because it said the Health Department had not produced a way of deciding performance pay deals.

The review body said that given the Government's emphasis on performance-related and locally set pay, it was surprising that the Department had been slow to produce proposals to effect such a change. Had such proposals been advanced, the body said, it would have recommended, in a "transitional year", national rises for nurses of 2 per cent plus 1 per cent for performance. Instead, it recommended a 3 per cent increase overall, and urged the Department and the unions to produce joint proposals on new pay methods in the autumn.

Malcolm Wing, leader of the public-sector Unison's 245,000 nurses, said: "One and a half cheers for the review body for refusing to bow to Government pressure for a pay freeze."

The review body for doctors and dentists also supported moves towards performance-related pay, but expressed disappointment that more progress has not been made.

Services get up to 4.4% - but in stages

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

ARMED FORCES

THE armed forces will get the biggest pay award under the deal but it is to be phased in two stages: 2.7 per cent on April 1 and up to a further 1.7 per cent next January.

The award, ranging from 3 per cent to 4.4 per cent, will give a small morale boost to the three services in spite of it being phased in, although many still face redundancy under cost-cutting programmes underway. The total bill for the armed forces' pay award will be £166 million. Had it been a single-stage award, it would have been £206 million.

As part of its long-term costings exercise, the Defence Ministry had made provision for a rise close to that announced yesterday. A ministry official said that with a 2.5 per cent efficiency saving guaranteed for this year, the pay award would be covered without a need for more cuts.

The salary of a brigadier and his equivalent in the other two services will rise from £53,600 to £55,046 on April 1 and £55,958 next January. The most junior private on £8,001 will get £8,216 on April 1 and £8,242 in January.

Salaries of most ranks vary greatly according to length of service. Under the settlement, a lieutenant-colonel will get between £39,175 and £43,293 by next January (present salary: £37,518 to £41,475); a captain, £21,926 to £25,473 (£21,221-£24,667); a sergeant, £16,297 to £19,666 (£15,611-£18,838); and a corporal, £13,782 to £18,027 (£13,355-£17,469).

The pay award comes after an announcement last week that an independent review has been ordered into the armed forces' conditions of service and allowances which is expected to result in cuts.



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Police launch abuse enquiry after Stowe expels boy

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

POLICE and social services launched investigations yesterday into allegations of sexual abuse at an independent boarding school.

They were alerted by Stowe School in Buckinghamshire after a 15-year-old pupil was expelled amid allegations of sexual interference with six other boys. Two of the alleged victims, aged 13 and 15, claim that they were forced to take part in sex acts.

The boy accused of the attacks joined Stowe in September. He had been expelled from Eton College after claims that he sexually assaulted two boys while on a family holiday.

Jeremy Nichols, the headmaster of Stowe, had interviewed the boy before admitting him to the school. He is understood to have given the boy a second chance after receiving assurances about his future behaviour.

Mr Nichols and senior staff held extensive meetings with police officers and Buckinghamshire social services yesterday.

The alleged victims received counselling from the school doctor, teachers and an adviser employed by Stowe to give pupils confidential help. Parents of the boys have been informed.

Stowe, which charges annual fees of almost £12,000, has 574 pupils, including 85 sixth-form girls. The school, founded in 1923, is set in 750 acres near Buckingham.

The alleged incidents are understood to have taken place both inside and outside the school. Enquiries are focusing on three houses: Cobham, Temple and Grafton.

Marilyn Rydstrom, a school director, confirmed that allegations of sexual victimisation among a small number of boys were being investigated.

Ms Rydstrom said: "No members of staff are involved. One boy left the school on Wednesday morning as a result. Until enquiries are completed, Stowe has no further comment to make."

Thames Valley police said its enquiries were continuing. A spokeswoman said: "We are consulting with social workers and the school. We expect to interview the pupils involved."

Public concern over sexual abuse at boarding schools has increased in recent years. Childline, the charity set up by Esther Rantzen in the wake of the Crookham Court School scandal six years ago which led to the conviction of the headmaster and two teacher, has established a telephone helpline for boarding school pupils with problems such as sexual abuse or bullying.

Researchers who monitored the helpline for six months in 1992 reported that more than 1,000 pupils called. 15 per cent of them making allegations of sexual abuse. One quarter of these said they had been abused for more than a year. Many said the perpetrator was a fellow pupil; about half claimed the perpetrator was a male teacher.

Outlook brightens for graduates of '94

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

JOB prospects for university students graduating this summer are distinctly brighter than a year ago, according to a survey published today.

The increased demand will come as a welcome relief for the 160,000 students set to complete their first degree finals this summer. Graduate unemployment is currently at its highest level for a decade.

Demand for graduates will be 16 per cent higher in 1994 than in 1993, according to a survey carried out by Incomes Data Services. Based on a study of graduate recruitment plans and the salaries of more than a hundred named companies, the survey says that the more optimistic findings "should not be interpreted as a sign that the boom years may be returning".

Though graduate demand will be up, particularly in the financial and manufacturing sectors, employers' planned increase in recruitment will only return available jobs to their 1992 levels.

IDS also says that the improvement in the job market is unlikely to make a substantial impact on the level of graduate unemployment. The number of students graduating has almost doubled in the past five years.


DENZIL McNEELANCE

A view of the Thames from Richmond Hill: "One of the most remarkable metropolitan landscapes in the world — wooded islands, rural pastures and formal vistas"

Heritage groups unite to save elegant Thames legacy

BY JOHN YOUNG

■ While conservationists cannot demolish buildings that mar an historic landscape, they are determined to guard its future

ELEVEN miles of lush Thames riverside, the birthplace of 18th-century English landscape architecture, is to be conserved under a strategy that looks a hundred years ahead.

The river, dotted with wooded islands, is the centrepiece of a plan to be launched in June. A new report describes the stretch from Hampton to Kew as one of the most remarkable metropolitan landscapes in the world: a combination of rural pastures, flood meadows, formal avenues and vistas, towpaths, boatyards, docks and commercial centres.

The parks and palaces that adorn one of Britain's great scenic treasures are a legacy of the genius of Inigo Jones and Capability Brown, William Kent, James Wyatt, John Nash, Decimus Burton, Robert Adam, Christopher Wren and Humphry Repton. It comprises the largest concentration of Grade I listed buildings and landscapes, celebrated in hundreds of paintings by, among others, Canaletto, Turner, Rowlandson and Corot.

Kim Wilkie, who was commissioned last year by the Royal Fine Art Commission, the Countryside Commission and English Heritage to produce a draft strategy, in which the National Rivers Authority, English Nature and the Garden History Society are also involved, describes the riverside as "a natural linear park".

Originally a private and privileged landscape, it has become a haven for recreation and nature conservation, with more publicly accessible open space and a larger expanse of sites of special scientific interest than any other part of London.

Mr Wilkie stresses that the riverside will continue to evolve as it has over the centuries and that there is no intention of attempting a historical reconstruction. The purpose of the strategy is to bring together landowners, residents, conservationists, local authorities and national agencies to discuss long-term planning.

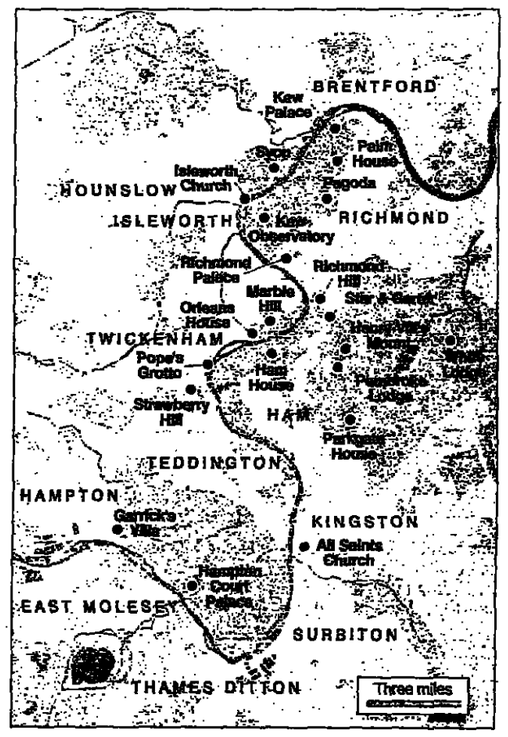
"We need to be looking ahead for the next hundred years," he said. "Obviously we can't order the immediate demolition of past mistakes — buildings which block historic views, and so on. But there may be a point in the future when they can be rectified."

Among those who shaped the area was Alexander Pope, who in 1719 went to live in Twickenham, where he built a grotto and gave "entertainments" for his friends, including John Gay and Jonathan Swift.

Thirty years later, Horace Walpole, "the best letter writer in the English language", began transforming his "little plaything" villa at nearby Strawberry Hill into a Gothick castle.

The view of the river from Richmond Hill was the inspiration for the design of the Serpentine in Hyde Park and was evoked by colonial settlers seeking a name for their new town on the James River in Virginia. The Richmond Hill (Preservation of View) Act 1901 was Parliament's response to public indignation at the proposed building of houses across the river at Marble Hill, probably the first example of a successful environmental protest campaign.

The riverside's recent history has by no means been entirely negative. The Ham lands, the water meadows between Richmond and Kingston upon Thames, were restored in the 1960s after being excavated for sand and gravel earlier in the century. Quinlan Terry's neo-classical reconstruction of the waterfront at Richmond Bridge has proved hugely popular. The River Thames Working Group set up by the Transport Department has kept would-be developers' hands off the boatyards which are essential to a thriving river traffic. At Hampton Court, 38 yew trees planted at the beginning of the 18th century have been controversially removed to allow the restoration of William III's privy garden. For the first time in more than two centuries, the palace can be seen from the river. In the near future, almost all the Brentford waterfront, once dominated by a gasworks, is scheduled for redevelopment, as is about 40 per cent of the waterfront at Kingston, including the sites of the former power station, waterworks and British Aerospace plant.



The Countryside Commission would like to see more grazing livestock, particularly sheep, to control the growth of scrub which is obscuring a number of historic views. One project planned for this year is to restore the view of the war memorial from the Star and Garter ex-servicemen's home in Richmond and there are hopes that Strawberry Hill and Pope's Grotto may shortly revert to public ownership.

☐ English Heritage yesterday threw down the gauntlet to the Government by declaring that the planned widening of the A303 trunk road south of Stonehenge was unacceptable. Instead, the road should be sunk in a bored tunnel some four kilometres (2½ miles) long to protect the landscape, it said.

English Heritage is preparing to back its case by convening a conference of international experts in London, probably in June, to seek the most economic way of reconciling modern transport needs with protecting the stones' setting.

WEEKEND SHOPPING

Grapes pick of the bunch for flavour and value

BY STEVEN FOX

GRAPES are the week's best fruit buy. From the Cape, seedless white Thompson are £1.10-£1.95 a lb. The smaller white sultana variety are £1.35-£1.80 a lb and black La Rochelle, also from South Africa, are £1.10-£1.95 a lb. Newly arrived Chilean white seedless are 99p-£2.20 a lb.

Other good fruit buys include satsumas at 8p-14p each, depending on size; English, Dutch, and Belgian comice pears at 30p-65p a lb, and Florida white or pink grapefruits at 35p-40p each.

The best vegetable bargain is cauliflower at 45p-90p each. Parsnips at 25p-40p a lb. English and Dutch white or red cabbage at 18p-28p and English baking potatoes at 20p-32p are also good buys.

Despite bad weather, most types of fish remain available. Clams are a good buy with the small Venus selling for about £2.30 a lb. Giant tiger prawns are now about £7 a lb. Lemon sole is scarce this week, but top-quality brill can be had for £3-£5 a lb, depending on size. Plaice fillets are about £3 a lb. Bass at £4.80 a lb and red mullet at £5 a lb are both in plentiful supply. Among oil-rich fish, herrings are about 65p-£1.25 a lb, sprats 75p a lb, and kippers £1.60 a lb. The best fish buy is Cornish mackerel at under £1 a lb.

British pork represents excellent value with spareribs about £1.19 a lb and rolled shoulders 99p a lb. Leg of lamb is about £2 a lb.

Advertised best buys:

☐ **Asda:** Daffodils 39p a bunch; Asda unsmoked middle bacon 99p a lb; chicken bacon pâté £1.56 a lb.

☐ **Budgen:** Sara Lee Lemon meringue pie 99p; Quick Brew tea bags £1.19 for 80; chicken and vegetable pies 99p for 4.

☐ **Gateway:** Pineapples 69p each; smoked cod fillets £2.59 a lb; Somerfield French set yoghurts 4 x 125g for 69p.

☐ **Harrods:** Smoked goose breast £3.50 for 4oz; snapper £3.80 a lb; onion and apple coated salami £1.85 for 4oz.

☐ **Iceland:** Garden peas 99p for 4lb; Birds Eye economy burgers 20 for £1.99; Iceland apple strudel 99p for 600g.

☐ **Marks & Spencer:** Pink grapefruit 35p each; granary loaf 85p for 800g; 6 salmon fillets £9.99.

☐ **Safeway:** Pork chump steak £1.99 a lb; Safeway chocolate digestives 49p for 300g; Dolmio sauce 99p for 475g; chilli beef frozen pizza 98p.

☐ **Sainsbury's:** Kiwi fruit 9p; Heinz Weight Watchers vanilla ice cream £1.45 a litre; crumpets 39p for 12.

☐ **Tesco:** Fillet steak £6.38 a lb; New Zealand lamb chops £2.29 a lb; Caspian sevruga caviare £11.99 for 28g.

☐ **Waitrose:** button mushrooms 59p for 200g; fresh hen pheasants £2.99 each; mackerel 89p a lb.

Best wine buys (75cl bottle):

☐ **Oddbins:** Red — 1992 Montara shiraz pinot noir (Australia) £4.99, McWilliams Mount Pleasant Cabernet Sauvignon (Aus) £4.99. White — 1991 Domain Hill & Mayes California Chardonnay £5.49.

☐ **Thresher:** Red — 1992 Valdemar Rioja £3.99. White — 1993 Winelands South African Chenin Blanc £3.49, 1992 Château Vilotte Bordeaux Blanc £3.99 (2 bottles £6.98).

☐ **Victoria Wine Co:** Red — Spanish Merlot £2.99. White — Marques de Caceres £3.49, Marquis de la Tour French sparkling wine £3.69.

Kremlin to present PCA match

THE Professional Chess Association, formed to stage the *Times* World Chess Championship last year, yesterday announced an ambitious programme for world chess which will be launched in the Kremlin from April 18-28.

Nigel Short joined Robert Rice, the PCA commissioner, in London to announce 1994 tournaments in Moscow, New York, London, Barcelona and Paris, with a prize fund of $1.19 million (£800,000) from Intel.

The highlights will be the quarter-final, semi-final and final of the PCA World Championship qualifying tournament to decide the challenger to Garry Kasparov in 1995.

The quarter-final will be in New York from June 8-20 and will pit Short against Boris Gulko (USA); Vladimir Kramnik (Russia) against Gata Kamsky (USA); Vishy Anand (India) against Oleg Romanishin (Ukraine); and Sergei Tiviakov (Russia) against Michael Adams (Britain).

The PCA events are spearheaded by a series of speed chess challenges.



KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

A class apart

A PRIMARY school team has reached the zone final of the *Times* British Schools Chess Championship for the first time in the contest's 36-year history. St Teresa's Roman Catholic school, Colchester, beat one comprehensive and three grammars *en route*.

Struggle for Adams

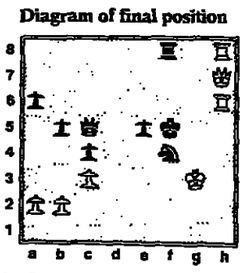
Michael Adams will play the young Russian Sergei Tiviakov in the PCA World Championship. Although Adams won the PCA Groningen qualifier in December, he lost to Tiviakov in their individual game.

White: Sergei Tiviakov
Black: Michael Adams
PCA Qualifier, Groningen, December 1993

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	e6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nc6
5	Nc3	Qc7
6	g3	a6
7	Bg2	Nf6
8	0-0	Be7
9	Re1	0-0
10	Nxc6	dxc6
11	e5	Rd8
12	Qf3	Nd5
13	h4	b5
14	Bg5	Bb7
15	Ne4	c5
16	Nd6	Rf8
17	Qg4	Bxg5
18	hxg5	Bc6
19	Be4	Ne7
20	Rad1	Bxe4
21	Qxe4	Rab8
22	f4	Rfd8
23	Kf2	c4
24	g4	Rd7
25	Rh1	Ng6
26	Kg3	Qc5
27	c3	f6
28	gxf6	gxf6
29	Ne8	Rxe8
30	Rxd7	fxe5
31	f5	Rf8
32	Rdxh7	exd5
33	gxf5	Nf4
34	Rh8+	Kf7
35	Qb7+	Kf6
36	R1h6+	Kxf5
37	Qh7+	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



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Fear of tax rise powers car sales

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

SALES of new cars were boosted last month by consumers trying to beat April's tax rises and take advantage of lower prices and cheap finance deals.

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders is expected to announce today that registrations in January jumped about 17 per cent year on year, signalling that the recovery in car sales has not yet run out of steam.

With markets on the Continent still weighed down by recession, Britain has become the focus for intense sales activity by European motor manufacturers. Showrooms were swamped with special deals that made car buying an attractive proposition last month despite fears over the economy and the effects of tax increases.

Nissan said: "Demand in the UK is running very strongly at the moment. It has surprised everyone with the amount of demand still out there. We all just hope the improvement goes on."

If sales keep running at the January rate, Nissan calculates sales will reach two million cars this year, the best annual performance since 1990. However, car makers are unsure of how tax increases will affect showrooms over the next few weeks and mindful of the effects of three years of recession.

How badly that recession hit some parts of the country was highlighted in statistics issued yesterday by the Retail Motor Industry Federation, which represents 12,000 motor dealers. They showed that some parts of the country such as London and the South East have not shared in the revival in sales, up 11.6 per cent nationwide last year over 1992.

Sales were ahead by more than 20 per cent in Derbyshire, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, East Sussex, Hampshire, Hereford & Worcester, Grampian and Mid Glamorgan.

But sales grew by less than 5 per cent in Cambridgeshire, Suffolk, Greater London, Surrey, West Sussex, Avon, West Midlands, Central Scotland and Highlands.

The South East has been among the worse affected with the industry federation estimating that 250,000 fewer cars were sold in the region last year than in the peak sales year of 1989.

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Government seeks to head off revolt on council reform

BY IAN MURRAY

The local government review goes on, despite a court ruling, but councils will have more time to defend themselves

THE timetable for redrawing the local government map of England during the year is being urgently redrafted, as the Government seeks ways of heading off a damaging revolt among MPs in the shires on the eve of local and European parliament elections.

The Local Government Commission, which was ordered last November to complete its review by the end of this year, is now to offer the 29 counties still being surveyed at least an extra month to prepare their evidence. Yesterday John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, said in a written answer that the review would continue even though the High Court ruled last week that he had exceeded his powers in instructing the commission to opt in favour of new unitary authorities over the existing two-tier system.

Mr Gummer, who was ordered by the courts to drop that part of his instructions, said yesterday that the Government still believed the unitary authorities "will often be the best" way of improving services. But he added that "there is no national blueprint and the Government does not rule out consideration of the two tiers in particular circumstances."

The change in the Government's stance, foreshadowed in a letter last week from John Major to many of the county MPs threatening to rebel, means that local authorities are having to prepare evidence against different criteria. The commission has therefore decided to give them extra time.

The Association of County Councils, whose members would be all but wiped out if unitary councils became the norm, has already protested that one month is too short a time for redrafting. Fourteen of the 29 counties are supposed to submit their evidence by February 25 and the association believes that an extra month will be far too little time to present a different case.

The Association of District Councils, which would represent the unitary authorities, has meanwhile enthusiastically welcomed the news that the review is going ahead despite the High Court decision. Its members have already submitted proposals which would almost halve the number of authorities in nine of the counties due to report by the end of this month.

The dispute between the big counties and the smaller districts will form the backdrop to the local election campaign in May, with polls already showing the Conservatives are facing humiliation, particularly in London.

According to Professor William Miller, local government expert at Glasgow University, only the Conservatives' abysmal showing in the 1990 local elections will save them from apparent annihilation. "They cannot do much worse than last time, which means they will not look bad even though their results are no good."

The latest MORI polls show that the Tories face an even bigger drubbing than in May 1990, when they suffered a net loss of 172 seats, while Labour gained 277 and the Liberal Democrats, still lumbered with their SDP connection, lost 88 seats. Labour then took 54.6 per cent of the vote, the Tories 26.4 per cent and the Liberal Democrats 13.8 per cent.

The January MORI poll in 1990 gave Labour 48 per cent against 36 per cent for the Tories and a total of 8 per cent for the Liberals and SDP. Last month Labour again had 48 per cent, but the Conservatives were down to 28 per cent and the Liberal Democrats on 20 per cent.

A separate poll in January 1990 found that 31 per cent were satisfied with Margaret Thatcher against only 21 per cent for Mr Major last month. Vernon Bogdanor, reader in government at Oxford University, said the growth in Liberal Democrat support was particularly important, given that the electorate were showing signs of tactical voting.

"The Conservative lead in the polls before the 1992 general election should have given them a majority of at least 70 seats," he said. "The fact that it was so low proves that a lot of electors in key marginal seats are now ready to vote for the party with the best chance of defeating the Conservatives."

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	Initial proposals	Target for final report
Bedfordshire		end July
Cambridgeshire		end July
Cumbria		end July
Lancashire		end July
Leicestershire		end July
Berkshire	end Feb	end Aug
Cheshire	end Feb	end Aug
Devon	end Feb	end Aug
Hampshire	end Feb	end Aug
Kent	end Feb	end Aug
Nottinghamshire	end Feb	end Aug
Oxfordshire	end Feb	end Aug
Staffordshire	end Feb	end Aug
Suffolk	end Feb	end Aug
Buckinghamshire	end March	end Sept
Dorset	end March	end Sept
Hereford & Worcester	end March	end Sept
Norfolk	end March	end Sept
Northamptonshire	end March	end Sept
Surrey	end March	end Sept
Wiltshire	end March	end Sept
Essex	end April	end Oct
Northumberland	end April	end Oct
East Sussex	end April	end Oct
Warwickshire	end April	end Oct
West Sussex	end April	end Oct
Cornwall	end May	end Nov
Hertfordshire	end May	end Nov
Shropshire	end May	end Nov

Prophets of gloom need a lesson in history

The Adams affair has obviously damaged British-American relations. No amount of official bromide can disguise that. But to compare it with the Suez crisis is nonsense, which says more about the feverish mood of some commentators than their knowledge of history.

In 1956, America applied financial and diplomatic pressure to force Britain to halt its operation. This marked the end of Britain's superpower pretensions.

The granting of a visa to Gerry Adams is not in this league. It ranks somewhere below the dispute over the American invasion of Grenada in 1983: an embarassment and an irritant, but not a lasting breach. Northern Ireland had been high on the list of possible problems when Bill Clinton took office in January 1993 in view of the sympathetic gestures he made towards the Irish-American lobby during the 1992 campaign. But until last weekend, Britain was relieved that the issue had not created public friction. It was the dog that did not bark.

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

A visit to Washington last spring by Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, was one of the quietest in recent years. Mr Clinton had been helpful both in not pressing ahead with his earlier idea of a peace envoy and in giving strong public support to the December peace declaration. He has continued the generally supportive stance of his predecessors. That has reflected much patient diplomacy by the British and Irish embassies in Washington, in conjunction with sympathisers in Congress such as Tom Foley, the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

To the extent that the White House comments of the past two days have strongly supported the Major-Reynolds stance, the latest row may be an aberration. But it shows how Mr Clinton is always sensitive to the concerns of the Irish-American lobby. Any shift away from a joint London-Dublin approach would create difficulties.

The Adams visit in itself should not affect the December initiative. That will be decided in the clubs and bars of Belfast rather than of New York. But, by further highlighting Mr Adams and the IRA, it has distracted attention from the central question of whether the Unionists and nationalists can agree on new political arrangements.

The lesson of the Adams affair is that Mr Clinton's priorities are domestic. What mattered to him last weekend was keeping Senators Edward Kennedy and Daniel Patrick Moynihan content in view of their key roles in handling health care and welfare legislation. There is nothing surprising in this. Past American presidents have put their domestic political concerns first.

These events have encouraged those in London who naïvely talk about the "special relationship" to swing to the opposite extreme and proclaim disaster and doom. Relationships do vary from president to president and, in the absence of the common threat of the Cold War years, public differences may appear more often.

At present, there is not the closeness of the Reagan and Bush eras. Some of the political staff at the White House still resent the clumsy role of the Tories in the 1992 campaign.

But there is nothing like the frostiness which existed between Edward Heath and Richard Nixon. John Major and Bill Clinton have a reasonable working relationship, as do their foreign policy advisers. The British side was pleased at Mr Clinton's role in the Nato summit last month, reaffirming American involvement in Europe despite continuing big differences over Bosnia.

The Adams affair is a reminder that, while America and Britain remain close allies, the interests of their leaders are, and never have been, identical.

PETER RIDDELL



Debate on new taxes 'gagged'

BY JONATHAN PRYNN
POLITICAL REPORTER

THE break-down in party co-operation spilled into the Commons committee corridor yesterday with a row over the timetabling of the Finance Bill.

Harriet Harman, the shadow Chief Secretary, accused the Government of gagging debate on its proposed tax increases through its ordering of committee stage consideration of the Bill's 207 clauses.

The Bill is subject to a Government guillotine motion limiting debate, and topics coming up towards the end of a committee sitting are likely to be lost. Ms Harman pointed to the debate on the insurance premium tax, which is due to be considered only after an uncontroversial VAT technicality, as an example. She threatened Tory members of the committee with exposure in their local newspapers of their voting record on the tax increases.

Labour also claims that the Government is stringing out the committee stage to prevent an amendment on fuel VAT, that would delay its introduction for a year, being debated before the tax comes into effect on April 1. Michael Portillo, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, rejected the complaints and blamed the problems on Labour's policy of non co-operation with the Government.

☐ Fears that Labour could scupper Sunday shopping reforms have forced senior Tories to scale down plans to allow their MPs a conscience vote (Arthur Leathley writes). Although Tories had expected a free vote on most parts of the Sunday Trading Bill, Government business managers are now planning to impose a whip.

The Government will force a whipped vote next Wednesday when MPs vote on clauses affecting the rights of staff to refuse to work on Sunday. Although ministers had always planned to force MPs through the lobby on this issue, party whips have conceded that that they may have to extend the pressure to later votes. Labour has threatened to vote down the Bill if the Government does not offer wider protection for staff refusing to work on Sundays.

Renton defended over lottery

BY ALISON ROBERTS
ARTS REPORTER

THE extra-parliamentary affairs of Tim Renton were given a clean bill of health by John Major yesterday in response to Labour's claim that the former Arts Minister is running an illegal lottery.

Marjorie Mowlam, shadow Heritage Secretary, is pressing the police to investigate the company which runs Telemillion — a telephone game with a £250,000 jackpot prize — and which Mr Renton chairs. She claims that Mr Renton, who championed the National Lottery, may have "used knowledge gained during ministerial office for his private gain". She also says that Telemillion is a game of chance and, therefore, an illegal lottery.



Mowlam: asked police to investigate

The Prime Minister said yesterday that he had received no information which leads him to believe that Mr Renton has acted improperly.

Mr Renton said yesterday that ITS had "observed all the codes and practices".

Mistley's heretics find fame again in new witchhunt

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

IN THE 17th century Mistley was the headquarters of the Witchfinder General, charged by the King with finding and executing heretics.

Since then the Essex village has slipped back into respectable obscurity, with gnomes in the garden centre, classical music in the pubs and campaigns to help the ducks safely across the road. But now it is back at the centre of attention. Some of their number — dubbed the Mistley 16 — would like to see John Major drowned.

Not only was the Mistley Conservative Association the first to call for the Prime Minister's resignation last week, but yesterday it gave its full support to the maverick MP Sir Teddy Taylor. The branch that has inspired headlines in the *Daily Mirror* saying: "Essex man votes for Major sacking" is now facing disciplinary action from the Colchester North Conservative Party.

The Mistley 16's headquarters are on a quiet housing estate. David Moon, unemployed and the secretary of the local party, has given so many interviews to the world press in the past week that he now only has time to eat cold baked beans and has unplugged his telephone.

"I am an Essex man by adoption but I am proud of the epitaph. Essex man has morals as well as white socks. We kept Mrs Thatcher in power. The Conservatives ignore the Essex man at their peril.

"We have always believed in patriotism and decency. Only the leadership ever got separated from that." Mr Moon believes he speaks for the majority of grassroots Conservatives. "The women tend to be more loyal. They don't like to feel naughty and they hate discussing politics rather than raffle prizes, but they are angry too.

Mr Moon has had hate mail from loyalists, but he tells them the ERM was a fiasco, it severely aggravated the recession, all around us there have been bankruptcies, home repossessions. Mr Major is worse than incompetent.

The local newspaper, *The Evening Gazette*, had a page editorial in support. "The fact that they stuck their necks out might go against party convention but they are only saying in public what millions are saying in private. Essex must stand up and be counted." Down by the railway station Gloria Steneames voted against the motion but agrees with Mr Moon. "My friends have always voted Tory but they have been betrayed and after the tax hypes we will never vote Tory again unless it is for Michael Portillo."

The growing band of rebels now meet at the Wagon and Horses pub. Susan Pittard from Mistley fish and chip shop, said: "The Government don't care, they are running around in circles."

Not everyone is happy with their new-found fame. "The better the devil you know than the devil you don't," said shopkeeper Rosemary Steele.

Conservative Central Office is not commenting. John Burfield, chairman of Colchester North Conservatives, said: "This is a very small branch and we have 2,000 members who support the PM.

Labour to exploit Tory unrest over CSA

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR will seize on continuing Tory unrest over the running of the Child Support Agency to try to lure Tory MPs into backing a call for fundamental changes in the system of assessing maintenance payments.

Labour is to press for changes which have been consistently demanded by a number of Conservative MPs facing intense pressure from constituents angered by the agency's decisions to increase payments dramatically.

Donald Dewar, the shadow Social Security Secretary, acted as John Major told the Commons that the Government had promised to keep the agency under review: "We are still keeping to this and that pledge still applies."

Mr Dewar will use a Commons debate next Thursday to press for the appointment of an independent adjudicator to re-examine some agency decisions.

He will also ask for rules to be changed so that absent parents' travel expenses in visiting children will be considered in assessing maintenance payments.

Mr Dewar will adopt a softly-softly approach to attract the support of discontented Tories. "There is a crying need for a further change and the aim must be to stop the Government walking away from the problem in the hope that it will just disappear," he said.

"I very much hope that Tories who must know the despair and anxiety so many people are facing will join us in the vote."

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The week in Parliament

House of Commons
Today: Private members' legislation: Energy Conservation Bill, 2nd reading. Protection of Dogs Bill, 2nd reading.
Monday: Debates on contaminated land, "Taking *Rio Forward*".
Tuesday: Deregulation and Contracting Out Bill, 2nd reading.
Wednesday: Sunday Trading Bill, committee. Statutory Sick Pay Bill. *Lords amendments.*
Thursday: Labour debate on Child Support Agency.
Friday: Private members' legislation: Tobacco Advertising Bill.

House of Lords
Monday: Social Security (Contributions) Bill, 3rd reading.
Tuesday: Statutory Sick Pay Bill, 3rd reading.
Thursday: Local Government (Wales) Bill, report.

Britain protests as trawler is raided and French demonstrators storm market to destroy catch

Striking fishermen defy riot police

BY CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS AND MICHAEL HORNSBY

FRENCH fisherman yesterday sacked the main Paris market, blocked cross-Channel traffic and attacked a Scottish trawler as Edouard Balladur's governmenttried to appease them with money and a crackdown on imports.

The trawler raid came just hours before the British Government issued a protest over an attack on a British lorry on Tuesday. Gillian Shephard, the Agriculture Minister, condemned the "disgraceful acts of violence".

The four-day French fishing strike reached a climax when 600 Bretons staged an early morning raid on the wholesale hall at Rungis, on the southern outskirts of Paris. Eighteen riot police and two fishermen were injured as protesters wielding baseball bats and firing distress flares laid waste to tonnes of fish and smashed equipment in their campaign against falling prices and cheap imports.

"It's genocide. They don't care if we all die," said one protester, voicing a word that has become familiar in France during recent offensives by farmers, fishermen, airline workers and lorry drivers. In Calais, fishing boats were used to halt the cross-Channel ferries. Supermarkets in Boulogne were ransacked and fishermen in Cherbourg, upset over limits in the Channel Islands area, destroyed 80 tonnes of fish brought in by the *Morning Star*, a Scottish vessel.

Prickly relations between Paris and Washington have been needled further by a US government report that depicts France as a country stained with racism, where human rights are flouted regularly by a violent police force. Charles Pasqua, the Interior Minister, brushed off the report, but the French media were indignant that "the land of human rights" should face such charges.

The clashes came after the government promised 300 million francs (£34 million) in direct aid to the industry. The unions, whose members operate 20,000 vessels now on strike, said most of the money was bound for big business rather than struggling individual operators. While Jean Puech, the Agriculture and Fisheries Minister, appealed for calm, saying he understood the fishermen's despair, the government promised a drive to apply the letter of the law to imports from outside the European Union.

Customs and fisheries officials were ordered to apply rigorous checks to the content and quality of cargoes entering France as well as to lorries carrying imported fish on French roads. In Brussels, France sought the restoration and extension of safeguards against cheap fish imports. It wants to restore minimum import prices for cod, haddock, monkfish, coley and Alaska pollack which expired at the end of December.



A French riot squad officer cornering fishermen at the height of the violence in the wholesale fish market outside Paris early yesterday

The incident which drew the British protest occurred on Tuesday when 70 French fishermen surrounded a lorry carrying Scottish fish to Spain as it disembarked from a ferry at the port of Roscoff in Brittany. John Davidson, the owner of Mounthooly Transport of Jedburgh, in the Borders, said: "They picked on the first of our lorries to leave the boat, laying planks of wood with nails in them in front of the wheels. They then emptied the cargo of salmon, cod fillets, prawns and sole onto the quayside. It was worth about £40,000 and was totally destroyed. The fact that it was going to Spain made no difference to the rioters."

The haulage company and the exporters of the fish, Iceberg of Fraserburgh, Grampian, have asked the Agriculture Ministry to seek compensation from the French authorities.

☐ **Marseilles:** About 650 workers at the Sud-Marine ship repair yard who face redundancy welded up the one gate they had left open to let people board ferries. *(AFP)*

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Yeltsin steps up Russia's hold on Georgia

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin yesterday increased Moscow's military hold over Georgia, its southern neighbour, by signing a treaty with Eduard Shevardnadze, its leader, under which the task of training and arming the republic's army will be handed over to Moscow and the Russian army's right to keep three major bases in Georgia will be guaranteed.

Mr Yeltsin arrived for his first official visit to the republic amid tight security after the assassination early yesterday morning of Nika Kekelidze, the deputy Defence Minister. The Tbilisi Interior Ministry described it as an "act of terror" by forces opposed to the deal on military co-operation, which amounts to a strategic alliance with Russia.

Mr Kekelidze, who had helped to draft the 25-point document giving Moscow a decisive say in Georgia's economic policy as well the task of reorganising its woefully undisciplined army, was killed when a radio-detonated explosion ripped through his flat in the centre of the capital. An unidentified friend also died in the attack and a woman was seriously wounded.

Georgi Karkarashvili, the Defence Minister, was slightly hurt when a second booby-trap bomb went off as he visited the premises some hours after the first explosion.

The prospect of the Russian army directing Tbilisi's military effort and the establishment by Moscow of long-term bases, one near the capital and two in the south of the country, is regarded by many Georgians as a humiliating submission and a bitter conclusion to two years of independence, which have been dogged by civil war and a precipitous economic slide from its former status as the Soviet republic with the highest standard of living.

The government in Tbilisi, having resisted until late last year calls that it should join the Moscow-dominated Commonwealth of Independent States, is now faced with the awkward task of selling the idea of revived Russian influence to a proud and distrustful population. There are signs that the agreement had caused a rift in the already disputatious government, with Mr Karkarashvili offering his resignation without explanation last week over an apparent disagreement with Mr Shevardnadze on the sweeping provisions of the treaty.

A heavy security presence kept protesters off the streets of Tbilisi yesterday, but small groups of people stood outside public buildings carrying placards reading "Down with Russian imperialism".





Eduard Shevardnadze greeting President Yeltsin yesterday before signing an army co-operation deal

Zhirinovsky rages at 'whore house'

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN BUDAPEST

SCREAMING that Hungary was a "whore house", Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the Russian neo-Fascist leader, hurled abuse at Budapest airport staff yesterday as he demanded that his plane's take-off be delayed after he arrived late for a flight to Moscow.

Mr Zhirinovsky returned to Russia after a turbulent trip to Slovenia, where he was asked to leave, and to Serbia, where he received a warmer welcome. He said in Serbia that any Western military action against Serbia should be considered a declaration of war against Russia.

Mr Zhirinovsky arrived at Budapest airport two minutes before the plane was due to take off, only to be told that it was impossible to delay the flight. "This is a whore house here. Imbeciles," he said. The Malev flight was eventually delayed for 15 minutes.

At the airport, Mr Zhirinovsky pushed his face close to a Hungarian official and screamed in Russian: "What do you mean impossible? You'll learn what is impossible when I become President. Who do you Hungarians think you are?"

Airport security staff confiscated a gun found in the hand luggage of one of his aides, the MTI Hungarian news agency reported. Colonel Jozsef Valogh, police director at the airport, said the gun was given to the pilot of the plane to Moscow for safe keeping.

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Western peace efforts run into new obstacle as evidence grows of Zagreb's intervention in Bosnia

Germany under pressure to force Croats into line

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN AND JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

GERMANY is likely to resist any attempt by the European Union to impose sanctions on Croatia, despite clear evidence that regular Croatian units are fighting in Bosnia.

Pressure is also growing at the United Nations where the Security Council was yesterday considering giving Croatia a deadline of just one week to withdraw its troops from Bosnia-Herzegovina or face possible trade curbs.

Sanctions are also likely to be on the agenda at Monday's meeting of European Foreign Ministers in Brussels. The new pressure to crack down on Zagreb comes at a delicate moment for Germany, especially for Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister. The German government's priority in this election year is to curb the number of refugees entering the country.

Bonn decided last month that Croatian refugees could no longer be treated as legitimate asylum-seekers and they could be sent home: about 100,000 of the 350,000 refugees from former Yugoslavia are affected. The Croatian government has accepted the decision but it has quietly pointed out to Bonn that sanctions against Zagreb would add to the number of refugees trying to set up home in Germany.



Kinkel: wants to prove he is in charge of foreign policy

At the UN, a draft statement circulated by the Djibouti president of the Security Council asked the Secretary-General to report by February 10 — when Bosnian peace talks resume — on whether Croatia had pulled out its 5,000-strong regular troops from Bosnia. The draft said that if they were not withdrawn the council would consider "further measures ... including the adoption of economic measures."

Irfan Ljubljankic, the Foreign Minister of the Muslim-led Bosnian government, said during a visit to the UN that Croatia had 20,000 regular troops on Bosnian territory in what he called "an act of open and blatant aggression".

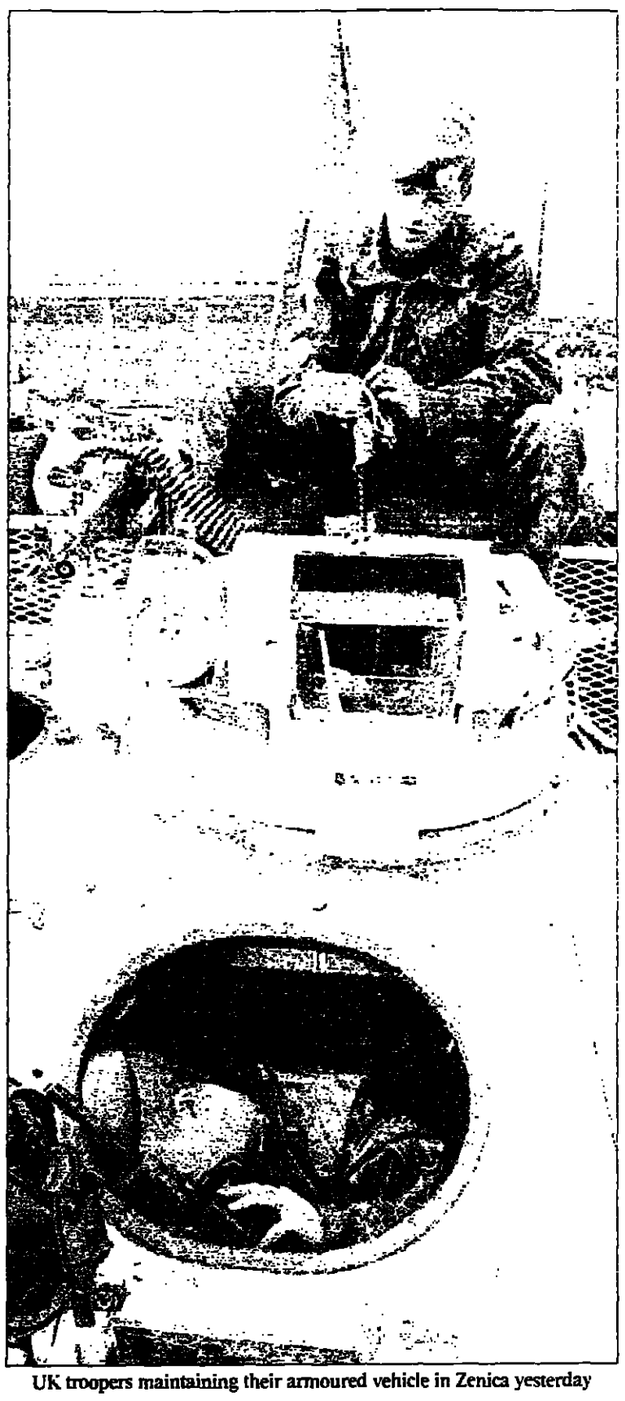
However, under heavy German pressure, Britain and France were working to water down the statement to protect the Germans' traditional Croatian allies, probably by removing the deadline. Germany appears to hold the key to further action against Croatia, even though it is not a member of the council.

Zagreb told Bonn that the troops were merely volunteers worried about their Bosnian Croat cousins. Other Western European governments have not been convinced by this, but Germany seems to take it seriously.

There is an important sub-text to the German policy. First, the coalition of Christian Democrats and Free Democrats must prove quickly that it has Germany's refugee problem under control if it is to stop the flow of protest votes to the far-right parties. Second, Dr Kinkel as chairman of the Free Democrats, is competing hard with Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, in the run-up to the elections to show that he is in command of foreign policy.

☐ **Belgrade:** The Yugoslav Army has said the Serbs are ready to see the reopening of Tuzla airport as long as it is placed under Serb control (Tim Judah writes). The announcement was another indication that the Serbs are preparing the public for a climbdown. Nato has threatened to use air strikes to force the airport's reopening.

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UK troopers maintaining their armoured vehicle in Zenica yesterday

THE CASE FOR AND AGAINST PEACEKEEPING

THE advantages of peacekeeping include the fact that nearly three million people are expected to receive food and other help from United Nations aid convoys this year. This humanitarian effort would continue, but is likely to be devastated by a peacekeepers' withdrawal. The troops give vital protection to UN High Commissioner for Refugees convoys in front-line areas. Food and medical supplies would probably fail to reach those most in need.

■ The free for all that would almost certainly follow could lead to conflict in other countries. A Serb and Croat alliance may crush the Muslims but leave the path clear for a new fight between Zagreb and Belgrade over disputed areas.

■ Ukraine, about to be the third largest contributor of troops, opposes a withdrawal.

■ The war may burn itself out this year, leaving peacekeepers free to withdraw with dignity.

■ The practical problems of withdrawal: how are troops to be protected as they make difficult journeys out of Bosnia?

■ Propaganda value: millions of voters, especially in Europe, would be dismayed by a withdrawal. Even though the public finds it difficult to understand the complex politics of the region, television and press images continue to cause outrage.

The disadvantages of peacekeeping include the huge cost of the operation: many countries supplying troops have not been reimbursed by the UN because member nations are slow to pay their dues.

■ Countries contributing troops do not want them tied down in former Yugoslavia for years. Therefore, it may be best to pullout as soon as possible.

■ Remaining could prolong the conflict by delaying, but not preventing, the war from taking its natural course. Lord Owen, the European Union negotiator at the stalled Geneva talks, believes that the presence of the peacekeepers may be encouraging the warring parties to drag their feet in the negotiations.

■ The growing rift between UN Protection Force (Unprofor) officers and Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General. The generals want more troops and the right to order air strikes, while Dr Boutros Ghali is reluctant to increase military involvement.

FOR AND AGAINST AIR STRIKES

Among the advantages in bombing the Serbs is that it could shock them into military and political concessions.

■ It would be a big propaganda gain, especially for the United States, which has no troops on the ground.

But among the disadvantages is that there is a big danger of sending a signal to the Muslims to continue the war rather than try to agree a deal in Geneva.

■ The practical problems include an estimated minimum delay of two hours from when the generals ask for a Nato strike to the time the first bombs fall. This is largely because of the consultation process ordered by Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations Secretary-General. During this time, Serb gun positions could have changed.

■ The risks include hitting the wrong targets. "Friendly fire" tragedies happened during the Gulf War on flat desert terrain with a well-defined enemy. Bosnia is mountainous with forests and woods where militias take cover.

■ There is a danger of destroying the fragile Russian support for Western policy on the Balkans. Moscow shares old ties of kinship with the Serbs and parliament has already asked for sanctions against Belgrade to be lifted. Russian diplomats have also told Dr Boutros Ghali that they want the UN Security Council to meet before any raids are launched.

FOR AND AGAINST ARMING THE MUSLIMS

THE advantages include placating world opinion, which sees the Bosnian Muslims as the main victims of the war. America is believed to be angry that Britain and France, as well as Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg, the peace negotiators, are opposed to the lifting of the embargo.

■ Ending the embargo would please Muslim countries, particularly Turkey, which is host to many Muslim refugees. Turkey is also important to Nato.

The disadvantages include pouring more weapons into the theatre of war to make a "level killing field", which would almost certainly lead to more deaths during the expected surge in fighting this spring.

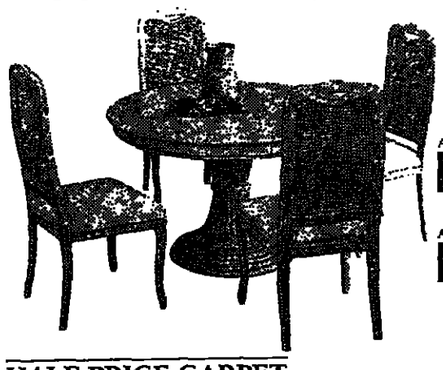
■ There is a risk that the new arms could be captured by Serbs and/or Croats. Muslims have recently made military gains in central Bosnia partly because they have captured weapons from Serbs. Muslims have also improved their ability to manufacture their own weapons over the past few months.

■ New arms would probably prolong the conflict. Muslims are now seen as the main stumbling block to a Geneva accord. They feel they can gain more militarily than at the negotiating table.

■ There is a risk that Muslims could face an onslaught from Serbs and Croats in the interval between the announcement of any lifting of the embargo and the arrival of new weapons.

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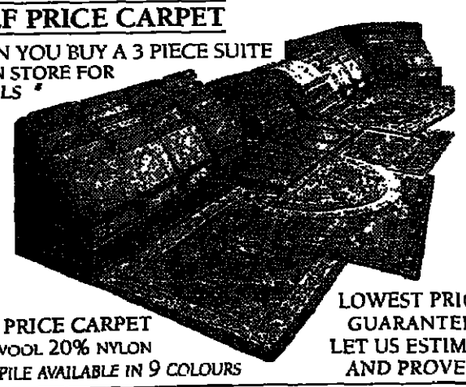
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De Klerk makes manifesto bid for black voters



De Klerk: sharing his vision of South Africa yesterday

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

■ The Nationalist Party is likely to gain the backing of a majority of whites, Coloureds and Indians. But the South African President knows that its political future depends on winning over blacks who are still undecided

PRESIDENT de Klerk's National Party launched itself as the party for black and moderate white voters with the publication yesterday of its election manifesto.

Although his party devised and enforced apartheid, Mr de Klerk insisted it was the African National Congress which was living in the past: the Nationalists were the party of the future.

Black voters are the key to the Nationalists' future. Opinion polls show that, although the majority of white, Coloured and Indian votes will go to Mr de Klerk, the sheer numbers of the black community could overwhelm all three. But a poll published yesterday by the Argus newspaper group shows that as much as a quarter of the electorate is undecided.

If the bulk of these voters chooses the ANC, the organisation will exceed the two-thirds majority it needs to rewrite the constitution. If they go to the National Party, Mr de Klerk will have an effective and workable minority of 19 per cent to restrain Nelson Mandela, the ANC president. So the special federal congress, called during the past two days by the National Party to introduce the manifesto and its list of candidates, has been dominated by attempts to show the black face of the party.

The meeting was opened by David Chuenyane, a black member of the Transvaal provincial executive, with prayers led by the Rev M. M. Phenethi, a Soweto-based cleric. The congress was required to stumble through the liberation anthem *Nkosi Sikelel i'Afrika* (Lord Bless Africa).

The manifesto is written in short declarative sentences that would not tax the reading ability of a child, and is published in all 11 official languages. The simplicity of the concepts may be demonstrated by the section on peace and prosperity.

"There can be peace only if all people enjoy prosperity. Only if your neighbour has enough to eat can you sleep peacefully ... A person without a job cannot be a happy person ... A family without a house cannot be a happy family ... A young person without proper education cannot be very satisfied ... A community without proper health care cannot be prosperous." The manifesto makes the most of the personal history and image of Mr de Klerk, declaring that he sounded the death-knell for apartheid, that he set his opponents free, opened the door to negotiations and made this election possible.

It declares that he has shown leadership, initiative, experience and courage. "You can depend on him," it insists, among photographs of the President in his shirt-sleeves mixing with blacks and Coloureds in various townships.

The section on peace and safety promises that the National Party will make South Africa safe for all. That on peace and democracy insists: "The National Party has safeguarded democracy by negotiating federalism." On peace and justice, the party offers equal protection from the police, from the courts and for women. Similar offers are made on housing, education, the economy and affirmative action.

"The new National Party has changed," the manifesto says. "It has rejected the policies of apartheid ... it has opened its heart and its doors to all South Africans." Mr de Klerk, introducing the manifesto at a press conference yesterday, was defensive about his party's number of black candidates. "We have problems," he admitted. He said that it had identified a number of black party members who declined to stand because of intimidation. There is no intimidation of women, but only 48 of the 180 candidates on the list are women, with the first ranked in thirteenth position.

"I would have liked more," he said. "We believe that women are equal. We don't believe in tokenism. We believe it is an insult to women to have a quota for women. The ladies in our case competed fairly for their places on the list. We are very pleased that more and more ladies are coming to the fore."

In Pretoria, a further round of talks took place between the government, the ANC and the black and white conservative Freedom Alliance, at which the ANC declined to put its constitutional proposals on the table. The meeting will resume on Monday, after which only five days remain for the parties to register for the election.

Big business votes against Clinton plan for health

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU AND IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton has suffered an unexpected setback in his most important political battle, with leaders of America's largest corporations voting against his health care reforms and endorsing a rival Democrat version.

Although it carries no legal force, the vote by the Business Roundtable, representing 200 of the largest companies, amounts to a forceful expression of will by America's employers, and comes at a time when the support for the President's health care reform proposals has been slipping. Even though big firms are thought to benefit from the reform, business leaders are concerned that the Clinton plan will fail to control costs and lead to a giant state health bureaucracy.

George Stephanopoulos, the senior White House adviser, said the vote was "unfortunately led and influenced by the insurance interests and others who are wedded to the status quo". His view reflected the general sense of alarm which the vote has caused in the upper echelons of the Administration.

Having rejected the Clinton reforms, business leaders have instead put their weight behind another plan, championed by a previously unknown Democrat congressman, who has proposed what is generally considered a "lighter" version of President and Hillary Clinton's own proposal. Jim Cooper, a congressman from Tennessee who is preparing to run for Vice-President Gore's former Senate seat, has proposed a package whose prime focus is cost savings, as opposed to universal coverage as put forward by the President.

The main difference lies in the financing. The Clinton plan envisages an employer mandate, under which workers are levied a payroll tax of up to 7.9 per cent of the wage bill. There is no such payment in Mr Cooper's plan. Instead, he would focus on cost savings, which would be used subsequently to achieve universal coverage incrementally.

Mrs Clinton has publicly poured scorn on the Cooper plan, which has been interpreted as a sign that the White House takes it far more seriously than a variety of other congressional health care proposals. Mr Cooper's plan is supported by 26 Republicans in the House. Whatever the technical shortcomings of the Cooper plan, it has the advantage of bipartisan support.

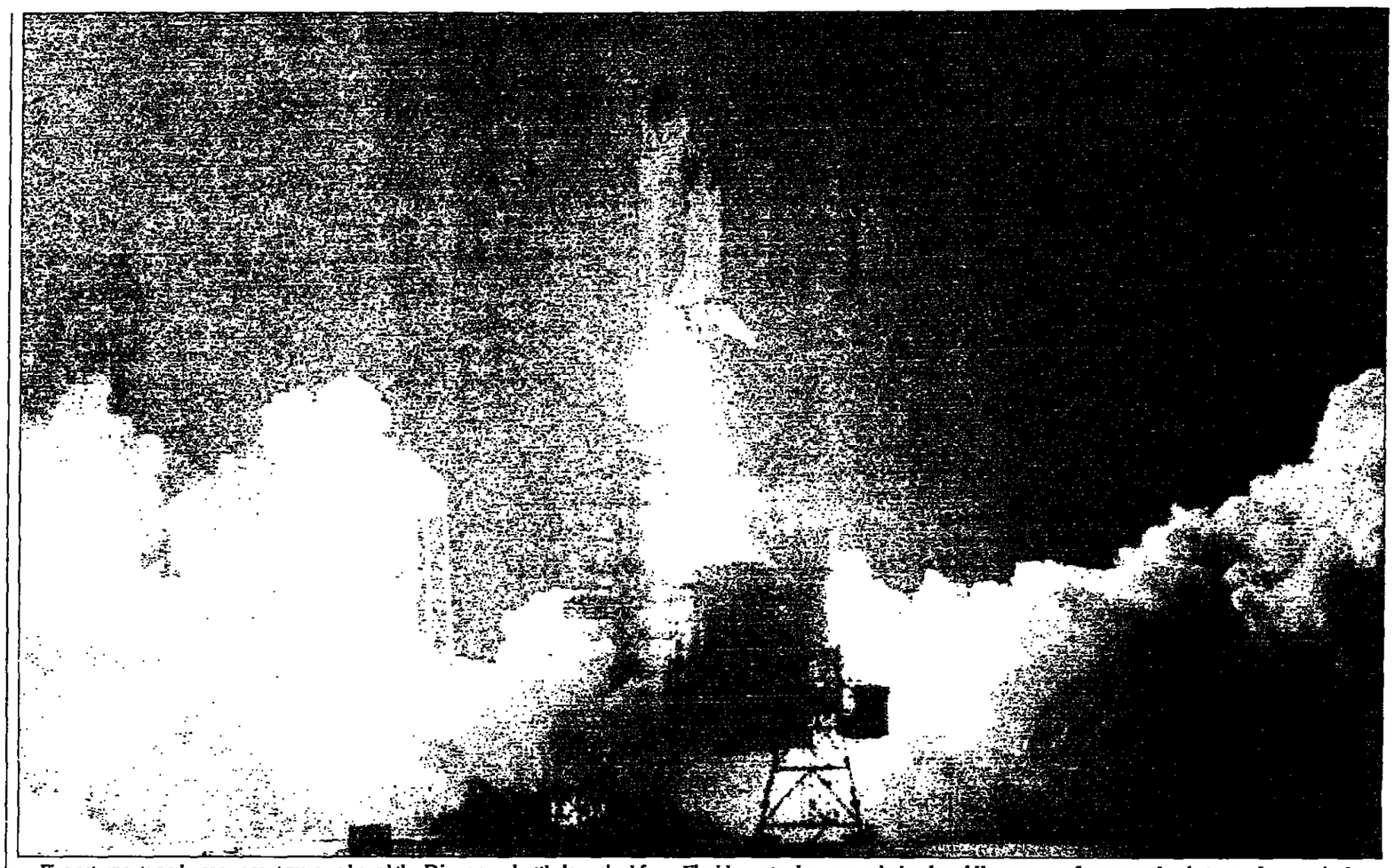
Last night, in a display of President Clinton's determination to hold on to California, the most populous state, if he runs for re-election in 1996, the White House announced a stepped-up programme to stem the tide of illegal immigrants flooding in from Mexico. At least 400 agents will be added to the 1,000 on patrol at the busiest crossing near San Diego, where hundreds of Mexicans try to smuggle themselves into America every night. California has lost lucrative defence contracts and is suffering from unemployment, exacerbated by illegal immigrants.

In addition, the US Immigration and Naturalisation Service will receive improved sensors and infrared nightscopes for spotting the entrants. New lighting and fencing will also be installed. Similar improvements will be made around El Paso, Texas, another magnet for Mexican illegal immigrants.

In another tough measure, the Administration will speed up procedures for deporting immigrants who are held in prison for breaking laws other than entering the country illegally. The aim is to deport 20,000 more criminal aliens annually.

At the same time, in a programme announced earlier, the government will streamline rules for eight million legal immigrants who are already in America on "green cards" to become citizens. There are five million residents who have been admitted since 1965 and another three million, 70 per cent of them Mexicans, who were illegal immigrants until they received amnesty several years ago. The Administration wants them to have the vote and to become more involved as fully fledged Americans in the life of the nation.

□ **Jerusalem:** The United States launched its first direct aid programme in the occupied territories by signing an agreement with the Palestine Liberation Organisation to fund a $6 million (£4 million) housing project in the Gaza Strip.


Five astronauts and a cosmonaut were on board the *Discovery* shuttle launched from Florida yesterday on a mission heralding an era of co-operation between former rivals

Russian joins astronauts on American space trip

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

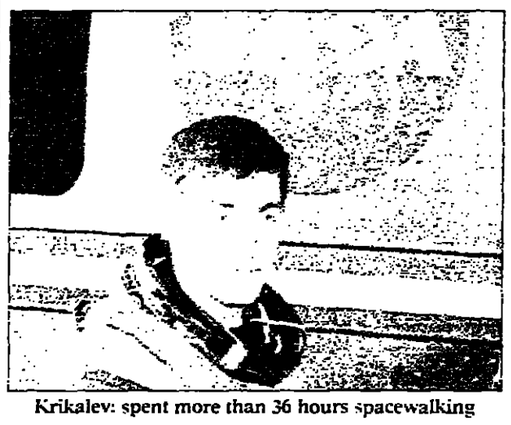
SERGEI Krikalev yesterday became the first Russian launched aboard an American spacecraft when the *Discovery* shuttle blasted off from Cape Canaveral just after dawn.

His inclusion in the six-man team marked the symbolic end of a 40-year superpower space race and the start of an era of US-Russian co-operation whose first main objective is an international space station. Russian officials watched the launch from their mission control centre outside Moscow and swallowed their pride about maintaining their own space programme. "It was a successful launch, the first launch of a US shuttle which we watched with anxiety," said Boris Ostroumov, deputy head of the Russian Space Agency. "It is the first step in the big joint programme and ... we are convinced it was the right decision."

Mr Krikalev is one of Russia's star cosmonauts. He is 35, has spent 463 days in space aboard the Mir space station and holds the world record for total time spent spacewalking — 36.1 hours.

Discovery's eight-day science voyage is the first of about ten joint missions before 1997 when construction of the international space station is due to begin. The crew's main job is to release a disk called a Wake Shield Facility to test the possibility of developing better semiconductor films in the "ultra-vacuum" it creates as it hurtles through space.

The *Clementine 1* spacecraft, the US Defence Department's space probe, took another step on its journey to map the moon yesterday, when it was fired from Earth's orbit into an interim orbit between Earth and the moon for two weeks.


Krikalev: spent more than 36 hours spacewalking

US blacks fall out over racist vitriol

BY IAN BRODIE

AMERICA'S black political leadership has renounced its "sacred covenant" with Louis Farrakhan, controversial leader of the Nation of Islam, after he refused to repudiate a hate-mongering speech by an aide.

The vehement falling-out between the two groups means mainstream American blacks in positions of authority may feel compelled to distance themselves from the fringe Muslim group, which insists on countenancing racist attacks on Jews, Catholics, homosexuals, South African whites and even blacks.

The latest flashpoint was a speech made by Khalid Abdul Muhammad, a Farrakhan aide, in which he referred to Jews as "bloodsuckers of the black nation", called the Pope a "no-good cracker" and urged South African blacks to murder whites.

Mr Farrakhan, an incendiary figure who is popular among the most radical blacks, was under intense pressure yesterday to disavow his aide's speech. The US Senate voted 97-0 to condemn the comments as "false, anti-Semitic, racist, repugnant and a disservice to all Americans".

The speech was also denounced as "evil" by Congressman Kweisi Mfume, chairman of the 40-member Congressional Black Caucus, all but one of whom are Democrats. He said: "Nowhere in American life can we give sanctuary to such garbage." He announced that the caucus's "sacred covenant" of co-operation with the Nation of Islam had been jeopardised.

Mr Mfume acted alone in forging the alliance last September, upsetting many of his members who saw the effort to unify the black community as being exploited by racists. Mr Mfume insisted, however, that the caucus has not broken ranks completely with the Nation of Islam. He refused to label Mr Farrakhan as anti-Semitic and insisted it had been right to try to reach out to the group "to find ways to save our youth from drugs and crime and violence".

NEWS IN BRIEF

Kiev lifts blocks to Start deal

Kiev: Ukraine's parliament agreed yesterday to remove all conditions to ratification of the Start-1 arms deal but refused to vote on whether to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty as a non-nuclear state.

President Kravchuk had urged parliament to sign, saying a failure to give up former Soviet weapons would isolate Ukraine and ruin it economically. Last month he signed an accord with Presidents Clinton and Yeltsin providing Ukraine with $1 billion (£670 million) in compensation and security guarantees. Washington said that deal depended on Ukraine signing the treaty. *(Reuter)*

Murder link

Cairo: Three of the seven Islamic militants killed in a police raid here on Wednesday were involved in the murder of Sharon Hill, a British tourist, in October 1992, according to police. Two other British tourists were wounded in that attack. *(AFP)*

Lost frontier

The Hague: The World Court rejected Libyan claims to a strip along the Chadian border that the two have fought over for four decades. It said Chadian rights to the Aouzou Strip had been effectively determined by a 1955 treaty between Libya and France. *(AP)*

Base overrun

Phnom Penh: Troops have captured the Khmer Rouge base at Anlong Veng, its headquarters for guerrilla operations in north and central Cambodia, said Hun Sen, the joint Prime Minister. He said the faction was pushed ten miles north of the base. *(AFP)*

Dolphin ban

Jerusalem: Israel has banned the import of dolphins for entertainment, ending a week-long fast by an American trainer who campaigns to free them. Richard O'Barry trained Flipper, the star of the 1960s TV show. *(Reuter)*


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Children freed from den of squalor

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

POLICE searching for drugs raided a small flat on Chicago's wretched West Side this week to find a grim Dickensian scene — 19 children competing with an alsatian for scraps of food in conditions of appalling squalor.

The children, aged between one and 14, were taken from the cockroach-infested two-bedroom flat and placed in protective custody. Seven adults, including four sisters in their twenties believed to be the mothers of the children, were arrested and charged in what officials said was one of the worst cases of child neglect in Chicago.

One four-year-old boy with cerebral palsy, who had cuts, bruises and cigarette burns on his body, was found unconscious and taken to hospital, while the other children were described as being in reasonable health "considering what they had been subjected to". Although no drugs were found, neighbours said that the house was known to be a centre for drug-dealing.

Police discovered some children huddled together, eight to a mattress, while one adult was found sleeping alone in the other bedroom in a king-size bed. The floor was covered with rat droppings, human faeces and rotting food. Wind and snow whistled through cracks in the walls and broken windows. In one corner, two toddlers in filthy nappies were sharing a neck bone with the emaciated dog.

"The conditions were totally decrepit, with roaches crawling over everything," Lieutenant Fred Bosse said. One child pleaded with a woman police officer who carried her away: "Would you take me home? Would you be my Mummy?" Officer Patricia Warner said: "The only remorse the adults showed was they didn't want to be arrested."

The case has prompted criticism of the state welfare agency, which had received a series of reports of neglect: one of the mothers was noted for "a baby born with drugs in his system" in 1992, another last November for "inadequate supervision and abuse", and a third in 1991 for "inadequate supervision". Child welfare officials said they had tried to get into the building three times since September but were turned away repeatedly.

The West Side case is astonishing, but the conditions are not exceptional, according to federal welfare officials. Just in Chicago this week, one mother was charged with starving her three-month-old daughter to death, and last month three children aged under six were rescued from a flat after being abandoned for three days.

About 2.5 million cases of child neglect are reported in the United States annually and child health officials say the welfare system is stretched to breaking point. "Drugs are taking over our culture, and it's coming up as children abused and neglected," said a spokesman for the US Children and Family Services agency.

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Left ready to quit Tokyo coalition over tax rise

FROM GWEN ROBINSON IN TOKYO

■ Within days of backing down over political reforms, the Japanese Prime Minister is facing humiliation over his lack of consultation with supposed confidants

MORIHIRO Hosokawa, the Japanese Prime Minister, went into urgent talks with his Cabinet last night to stem a revolt as the largest party in his coalition threatened to walk out over a plan to double the rate of consumption tax.

Leaders of the seven government parties discussed the tax proposals, which had been unveiled by Mr Hosokawa early yesterday to the astonishment of the coalition members. The talks broke up without reaching a conclusion and continue this morning.

Mr Hosokawa indicated that he is prepared to compromise on the plan, which calls for a 7 per cent "national welfare tax" to offset the government's promised income tax reduction. The welfare tax, intended to replace the 3 per cent consumption tax, prompted the Social Democratic Party to threaten to withdraw its six ministers from the government.

The question now is whether a compromise will be acceptable to the Socialists, who have opposed proposals for raising the consumption tax and linking it to income tax cuts. The development has again threatened to disrupt the government and the economy only days after Mr Hosokawa did a last-minute deal with the main opposition Liberal Democratic Party to pass a package of political reforms in the Diet.

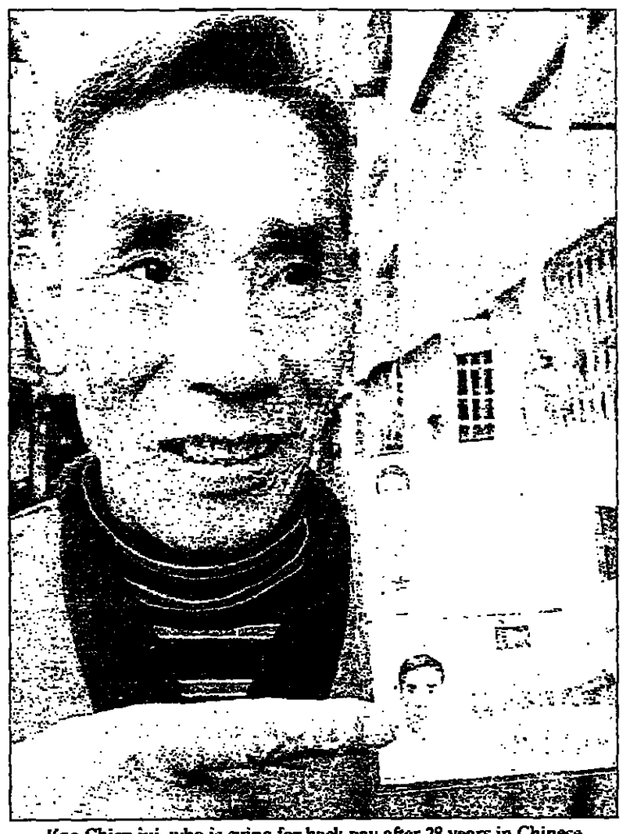
The government's long-awaited announcement of a economic stimulus package has now been put off. Preparatory talks between America and Japan for Mr Hosokawa's summit meeting next week with President Clinton have dropped down the list of priorities.

In reactions which highlight the increasingly ad hoc image of the government's decision-making process, prominent members of Mr Hosokawa's coalition expressed surprise and anger over the plan. Masayoshai Takemura, the Chief Cabinet Secretary and leader of the centre Sakigake Party, said he would resign if a compromise were not agreed. Masaoki Honma, a leading political analyst, said: "The term 'welfare tax' is just a sugar coating for bitter medicine." Chikushi Tetsuya, another commentator, said he now realised that the Finance Ministry was leading the country.

The proposed tax package also drew criticism from the business community, including Kosaku Inaba, the chairman of the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He said he was stunned that Mr Hosokawa would decide so suddenly on such important matters. Mr Inaba gave a warning that the government should not try to address the issues of an income tax cut and how it should be financed at the same time. "We can think of a tax hike after the economy picks up," he said. In a repeat of last week's turmoil, the media have billed the imbroglio as a make-or-break test of the coalition's unity. A nationwide telephone survey of 350 voters conducted last night found that 55.3 per cent were against the tax and 73.8 per cent felt the proposed rate of 7 per cent is too high.

However, the poll found that Mr Hosokawa's personal popularity at 64.5 per cent has remained at the same level as in the two days after the passage of the watered-down reform bills. Other polls by newspapers and television stations showed similar trends, with Japan's largest daily newspaper, *Yomiuri Shimbun*, giving the Hosokawa cabinet a 72 per cent approval rating in a survey of more than 2,000 voters.

The results nevertheless were hailed by Kozo Watanabe, the deputy secretary-general of Shinseito, the largest party in Mr Hosokawa's coalition, as a "result of the support from Japanese people for Mr Hosokawa's efforts to create a new age".



Kao Chien-jui, who is suing for back pay after 28 years in Chinese captivity, showing his Taiwanese military identification yesterday

Spy embarks on a wage claim mission

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN TAIPEI

A TAIWANESE spy, caught in China in 1964, has won court support for his claim of five million Taiwan dollars (£127,000) in back pay and benefits for his 28 years in captivity.

The Defence Ministry has paid Kao Chien-jui less than half that amount in pension, insurance and compensation, but Mr Kao also demanded 337 months of back pay. An administrative court said on Wednesday that it has ordered the ministry to reconsider.

Mr Kao, now 65, was arrested on the mainland Chinese coast while guiding a Taiwanese military squad on an intelligence and sabotage mission as part of Taipei's campaign to undermine the Communist regime. He spent eight years in prison and 20 more in hard labour, returning home in 1991 after tensions eased between the two sides.

Defence officials claimed in court that Mr Kao was not entitled to back pay because he merely escorted the agents, and that he had disclosed information about Taiwan after his capture. The military intelligence agency said Mr Kao received a pension and compensation on humanitarian grounds.

The court has given the government two months to reconsider Mr Kao's claim. "I am optimistic that I will get the money, because the court's order is clear and the regulations concerning rights of returning agents are even clearer," Mr Kao said. The intelligence agency refused to comment.

Migrant army scours China in search of work

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

AN ARMY of ten million Chinese peasants is moving across the country seeking work. A bigger army of 130 million peasants, still at home, is without work.

The figures, published by the Communist news service here, explain the mass of people crushed together outside the Canton railway station just over the border. It may well be that the number flocking to the coastal cities to take advantage of less stringent controls on movement during the lunar new year, which begins next week, could be 30 million. They come from provinces such as Sichuan, Anhui and Hunan, left behind by the economic reforms of Deng Xiaoping, China's senior leader.

Notices are being posted and orders given telling people to go back to their towns and villages, and warning southern employers not to advertise jobs in other parts of the country. But until recently southern China welcomed migrant workers because they are cheap, even in a country where the minimum wage is the equivalent of 6p an hour.

However, the recent proclamations of austerity, banning projects such as hotel and shop construction, mean less work is available. According to the report there are 450 million working farmers, but there is arable land for only 200 million. Even though rural industries have taken 110 million, there is a surplus of 130 million.

"Peasants now spend three months on farming," the report says. "One month celebrating the new year holidays, and eight months doing nothing. Peasants' income remains very low."

The report reveals that in some cities migrant workers account for more than half the recent criminal arrests. The *People's Daily* has called on security departments "to maintain order in stations and ports", and urged other departments to persuade and help migrants to return home, emphasising the merits of working locally.

For months the official media have been reporting peasant riots after the state failed to pay grain farmers for two seasons. The disclosure that 130 million peasants have nothing to do makes returning home a bleak prospect.

Ironically, the household registration system, which made it illegal for people to leave home without permission, has been abolished making it easier for peasants to move to the cities.



A temporary relaxation in mobility laws next week may prompt up to 30 million Chinese to head for the cities

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Screen-printed Pollock

Forty years after his violent death, the artist Jackson Pollock is the subject of a race to film his life. Kate Muir reports on De Niro, Streisand and the other contenders


ARNOLD NEWMAN

Jackson Pollock in 1949: each set of film-makers is gutting one of the half-dozen biographies he inspired

On a hot night in August 1956, Jackson Pollock was in a foul, drunken mood as he drove his lover and a friend home from the Hamptons, near New York. In his green Oldsmobile convertible, he took the bend on Fireplace Road too fast and crashed into the trees. Pollock and his friend died. His lover, Ruth Kligman, survived. So did the legend, not just of Pollock's paintings, but of his weird and tempestuous life.

Suddenly, almost 40 years on, three groups of American film-makers are now battling to see who will make the first or best dramatisation of Pollock's biography on the big screen. The contenders include Robert De Niro, the ubiquitous Barbra Streisand, and Al Pacino. They seem to think Pollock will be as hot in a Cineplex Odeon as he is on canvas.

> 'Robert De Niro's parents were friends with Pollock'

Whether any of the films will be titled *Jack The Dripper* — the 1950s media nickname describing both Pollock's technique and his tendency to violence — has yet to be decided. What is clear is that his evolution from dustbowl farmboy to darling of New York's avant-garde is perfect screen material, ending with his wild death at 44, in the manner of James Dean, rather than petering out into comfortable old age. His rows, his affairs, his alcoholism, his momentous sulks and mood changes all make for high drama. Even Pollock's version of abstract expressionism, his "Action Painting" where he threw, dripped and swung paint on to huge canvases on the floor, should excite a cinema audience in a way delicate dabbles with a No. 5 brush do not.

There are at least half a dozen Pollock biographies and critical works, and each set of film-makers is gutting one of these books for a script. As usual, there has been a great deal of legal to-ing and fro-ing, not to mention countersuing, as everyone tries to grab the best chunk of the Pollock pie.

The present shakedown is this: Streisand has bought the rights to Jeffrey Potter's biography, *To a Violent Grave*, which largely comprises quotes from Pollock's friends. She has hooked up with Robert De Niro and his Tribeca Productions, and they announced their plans last June. De Niro is to play Pollock, and Streisand his slightly homely wife, the painter Lee Krasner. Potter, a friend of Pollock, has given his approval, calling the pair "very serious actors with great integrity" and noting peculiarly that Streisand is ideal "because she can afford to look a bit ugly".

De Niro has a personal stake in the project, since his father, Robert De Niro Sr, was also an abstract expressionist. His parents were friends with Pollock and Krasner when they lived in New York's summer beach community out at the Hamptons, so De Niro remembers them from his childhood.

With Streisand's involvement there is expected to be some emphasis on Krasner's life. Pollock flourished after he met Lee Krasner in 1941; she sacrificed much of her own painting time to be at his side, and her role was once described as "more permanent live-in mother than wife". Their relationship began to go badly wrong not long before Pollock's death, and in the last six months, Krasner spent time away in Europe and was replaced by Pollock's new lover, Kligman. Pollock showed strange disregard of his wife's feelings — he once spent the night with the more glamorous Kligman in the barn next to his house, and emerged the next morning to find Krasner on the porch screaming abuse and threatening to call the police.

Krasner was also present for Pollock's best-known line. During a sudden change in direction, he called her into the studio to look at his latest canvas. "Is this a painting?" he asked.

Pollock was born in Cody, Wyoming, the youngest of five brothers, and he never quite recovered from being the baby of the family. His siblings all took up art, and Pollock, because he was appalling at drawing, was forced to try other techniques to get attention.

This, in the end, led to his ground-breaking, unconventional spatter techniques. "Fame was a second childhood, a chance to replay his past to a larger, more attentive, and far more indulgent audience," says Steven Naifeh, author with Gregory White Smith of the controversial Pulitzer Prize-winning biography *Jackson Pollock: An American Saga*.

The film project based on the Naifeh-Smith book promises to be more scandalous than the mainstream Hollywood version. The book includes wacky theories such as the one attributing Pollock's spatter-style to his memory of his father urinating on the flat rocks of the West, where he grew up. This may not be as unlikely as it sounds, considering his later tendencies. At a party in the house of art benefactor Peggy Guggenheim, Pollock walked naked into the room and urinated in the fireplace. Mrs Guggenheim later suggested that Pollock was "a trapped animal who should have stayed in his burrow".

The backing for the Naifeh-Smith film has come from James Trezza, a Boston art dealer and entrepreneur. It stars Ed Harris as Pollock and is expected to touch on the less well-documented aspects of his life, such as his sexual ambivalence, his lifelong dependence on his mother, and his problems with his alcoholic, ne'er-do-well father. Harris, who paints a little himself, has been honing his swings and drips. "Pollock's whole life was cinematic," he told *The New York Times*. "Even the way he came to paint on the floor was cinematic."

The final film on the troubled painter, aimed at Al Pacino, is a dramatisation of *Love Affair*, Kligman's book about their short and stormy relationship. It is still in the earliest stages of development.

Whichever film reaches our screens first, we can be assured that none of these efforts would have pleased Pollock. He once said: "Movies keep you outside looking at the outside. I want to look in, like a personality or soul X-ray."

Brief encounters of the conference set

Sun, sea, sex and so sorry

Remember Miss Lucy Honeychurch in *Room with a View*? She was the demure young lady whose English inhibitions were swept away in a swift embrace in an Italian meadow? Remember Robyn Penrose, David Lodge's post-structuralist feminist in *Nice Work*? In the half-light of a Frankfurt disco, she was suddenly overwhelmed with desire for the fat, philistine industrialist Vic Wilcox and found herself, minutes later, in bed with him?

"Abroad" has always made the English forget themselves. "The traveller who has gone to Italy to study the tactile values of Giotto, or the corruption of the papacy, may return remembering nothing but the blue sky and the men and women under it," wrote E.M. Forster of Miss Honeychurch and her friends.


JULIA LLEWELLYN SMITH

This, or something like it, would have been the experience of Professor John Catford, although he may not have described it in such poetic terms. The 47-year-old chief executive of Health Promotion Wales, a government quango, says he had an affair during an eight-day study visit to Brazil in 1991.

On Wednesday night, after papers and diaries relating to the affair had been discovered, he resigned. Professor Catford's wife held his hand as he emphasised that the relationship — believed to be with an Italian health official — was over.

At home Professor Catford might not have given his colleague a thought, and if he had, common sense might have told him not to act on it. But in other countries we take risks. We paddle in jellyfish-infested waters, expose balding pates to midday rays, eat unidentifiable objects from market stalls and then, with the help of a few cheap beers, we will give up everything for one night of bliss with the rep from our host organisation.

Why are we more daring in different countries? "Because we know we can get away with it," says Philip Hodson, a marriage counsellor. "It's terribly common. It's the old thing about 'love and unity/dark corners — an opportunity'. It's stimulating to be out of your own environment and out of your moral network. When you are away, your sex drive will rise as a result of the rest and relaxation. Harassed and stressed businessman think this is a perk of the job.

"People still think about sex all the time, but the British still feel divorced from their sexuality. In other countries there's not the same disapproval of people who get saucy. So we decide if Johnny Foreigner is doing it, we can."

Virginia Ironside, the agony aunt of *Today* newspaper, says: "The more different two people are, the greater the sex. There is more equality between the sexes, but you still have the longing for something absolutely different. Someone who doesn't speak with the same accent as you has that added spark."

That foreign accent can prove less sparky in the morning, when the market-stall titbits are making their presence felt as well. But few people expect a foreign affair to last. A survey of readers of *Company* magazine, who are mainly single women in their 20s, found that 45 per cent had had sex on holiday with men they did not previously know, but one in three — a suspiciously large proportion — said she would not have dated her holiday lover at home. Only 8 per cent continued the relationships after the holiday.

According to *Sexual Behaviour in Britain*, a recent survey of British sexual lifestyles, men who work away from home have no more affairs than those who have never been further than the end of the street. Women who travel, however, are more susceptible to *liaisons dangereuses*. "I don't believe this," says Mr Hodson. "The point about a holiday romance is it is ephemeral; we will hardly admit it to a researcher."

No doubt, Professor Catford was one of these who wanted to forget. But many know that sinking feeling, when the other one wants the holiday to continue. Virginia Ironside shudders at her memory: "Oh! When that terrible Turkish waiter turned up at King's Cross. I think it is the most embarrassing thing that ever happened to me."

Every time a petrol tanker says goodbye to a filling station, we die a little

A strong whiff of danger

WHEN Michael Faraday discovered benzene, the simplest of the aromatic hydrocarbons and parent of such sweet-smelling life-enhancers as oil of cloves and cinnamon, he could never have imagined that his scientist successors 170 years on would be warning the Government that the stuff was such a dangerous carcinogen it should be kept below the level of one part per billion in the air we breathe — so low, in effect, that if we can measure it at all there's too much.

But then, Faraday could never have imagined that cities would one day be clogged by little wheeled petrol-driven coffins giving off a cocktail of toxic gases of which benzene, nasty genotoxic carcinogen though it be, is not even the most alarming component.

Petrol stations are, as we have always known, little more than kerbside gas chambers without walls. While it was unnerving to learn that the average Londoner gets a daily benzene dose equivalent to 15 cigarettes just going about his or her business, it was no great surprise to hear that Westminster Council's pollution monitoring equipment on Marylebone Road registers a 30 per cent surge in benzene (and a 20 per cent surge in toluene) in the atmosphere every time a tanker delivers petrol to the Elf garage nearby.

The average British petrol station is a Third World horror. Tankers disgorge their load into an underground tank and, as the petrol level goes down, air is sucked into the space above to create a nice, benzene-rich mix of volatiles. These are released, unfiltered, into the air above the forecourt through those white-painted pipes you may have noticed sticking up here and there every time the tank is refilled — two or three times a day at a big petrol station. Away the stuff floats in concentrations that I guess even Faraday's equipment would have been able to measure.


MARGOT NORMAN

Then there's that noxious haze around the nozzle every time you fill up your car, the kind you don't see at American petrol stations, where the nozzles have special hoods that prevent the gases escaping.

IN this country, the car manufacturers and the petrol companies have been passing the buck for years, each saying it is the other's responsibility to fit benzene-absorbing devices either on the cars or at the pumps.

Now the European Union has come up with a directive, which will come into force in the summer, requiring petrol tankers to take away all the accumulated vapours every time they deliver a fresh load of petrol. I understand they had difficulties drafting this directive in Brussels because dear old Third World Britain still insists, long after everyone else has gone over to simple electronic gauges for measuring the contents of tankers, on unscrewing a lid on the tanker to check with a dip-stick, thereby letting the gases out . . .

Westminster Council, which to all intents and purposes is now the only local government in central London, now has an energetic surveyor called Harvey Marshall chairing its environment committee and waging war in every way he can think of against dirty vehicles. Out go his officials to video the offending vehicles, complete with numberplates and emission cloud from the exhaust, willingly accompanied by the police and traffic wardens who spend their lives trudging along the kerbside breathing in more fumes than the rest of us. When they catch people they . . . er . . . well, they wag their fingers at them, because they have no powers to do anything else. Now the council is seeking powers from Parliament to take the vehicles off the road if they don't comply, and Cllr Marshall is propagandising madly in the schools to get children to shame their parents into turning off their engines in traffic jams.

All good stuff I'm sure, but absolutely none of it is aimed at improving public transport and getting people to give up their cars, or even banning petrol stations on sites near schools (like the Texaco garage by a school near *The Times*' offices, for example).

Cllr Marshall's party still sees political risk in attacking the private motorist, even though it surely cannot be long before motorists, finally realising that they are getting even higher doses of poison inside their cars than they are dispensing to pedestrians they don't care about, decide to give up their cars for the same reason that some years ago they gave up cigarettes.

AND then what a clamour there'll be about public transport. Bus deregulation enthusiasts please note: London Transport buses nearly always pass the Westminster emission test, but it's a different story with the private ones.

Ah well, if while you are waiting for that day to dawn and you find yourself in hospital with some respiratory complaint, don't forget to pack a gas mask. Apart from petrol stations, the most worrying gas chambers in public places are probably hospital incinerators. The poisons belched out over the places in which we tend the sick from all the plastics they burn there simply don't bear thinking about.

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Fay Weldon says a therapist wrecked her marriage. Now she is hitting back at the meddling of the untrained

'I think I was a good and faithful wife'


ALAN WELLER

Smiley, giggly and friendly though she still is, Fay Weldon has had a very nasty two years and makes no bones about it. Her new novel has provided her with a safety valve


LIBBY PURVES

"First there was Religion, then there was Science, now there is Therapy. These are the three great social institutions which we have trusted to bring heaven to earth."

Fay Weldon always was good at sweeping statements. She represents the novelist as soothsayer and shaman: her arguments cut elaborate corn-circle patterns around a prosaic moral core. She understands a great deal about the human heart but has never been inclined to confuse understanding with approval; she is cheerful, giggly, and a tough opponent. And later this month she takes the floor in *The Times*/Dillons debate, to argue most forcefully that therapy is becoming a curse. "I am", she says unconvincingly, "terrified. All these therapists will come and boo and hiss. Actually, they won't, of course. They'll 'understand my anger'. When I tell them I am angry with their profession for very good reasons, they will explain that I am in denial and need therapy. And I shall go . . . ", she clenches her fists in only partly mock fury, " . . . mad!"

Weldon's anger on this subject, and her extreme frankness about the personal disaster which fuels it, is disconcerting. Meeting her at intervals over the last 15 years, I had learnt to appreciate — and with luck, outmanoeuvre — her characteristic jokey, slippery, beguiling, *trompe-l'oeil* arguments. When in *Darcy's Utopia* she seemed to be arguing for the licensing of childbirth according to merit, she was unchallengeable, laughing: "Oh, Mrs Darcy *thinks so.*"

Underlying all her novels is a simple certainty that people ought to behave well, love honestly, and accept the rough corners of an imperfect world; but she has always put outrageous notions into the mouths of characters, while keeping herself slightly mysterious. Nobody is even sure how old she is, although we all say 62.

Her home life was offered only in snippets: like the fact that she married Ron Weldon, the jazz trumpeter, in the early 1960s, and lived partly in the West Country and partly in her two adjacent houses in Kentish Town; that she has raised four sons over three decades and wrote her early novels in pencil at the kitchen table. "Which explains the short sentences. People kept interrupting." Chatty as she is, she has kept her family privacy.

Until now. When she attacks the therapy industry, she is not giving words to one of her weird characters: she is speaking as Fay Weldon. More precisely, as Mrs Ron Weldon, whose husband of 30 years went to a "New Age" therapist just over two years ago and was told that his horoscope was incompatible with hers and that they must part. "He has not spoken to me for two years. I am, literally, locked out of the house. There are financial demands. Things have been dislocated, nightmarish. I have never been able to find out what training this woman has. They claim that he nearly died in her surgery and that she saved him: but there were no ambulances.

"She found my horoscope in a magazine, and even the dates were two years out. The whole idea of a 30-year marriage and all its secrets being presented to someone as young and as flaky as this is terrifying. I wouldn't have minded so much if he had gone to some ancient psychiatrist peering through the mists of time and intellect."

She is not unappreciative of the older school of psychiatrists. Her husband was in analysis for 23 years. She herself, at his instigation, underwent Freudian analysis three times a week for eight years when they were first married.

"It was very different then. Psychiatrists were phenomenally intelligent and intensely trained, and did not offer advice. They let you put yourself together. Now anybody can set up as a therapist — look at the two-week courses advertised in their own magazines — and can interfere in families they have never met. Who are these people? What is their training? Where do they all come from, like black witches flying from a castle window?"

By coincidence, during the crisis with her husband she was invited to talk to a group of therapists and found her misgivings growing. "I came up with this theory that they are failed novelists, creating nice patterns out of real people's lives for their own satisfaction and for money. Odd, how unwilling they are to admit that this is a financial transaction."

Afterwards, "we were in this Chinese restaurant, and a group of them were discussing a patient whose husband kept ringing up complaining. They said the usual things about how spouses feel threatened by therapists. And they all agreed round that table that she'd be better off without him. I said 'Hey, what about her loneliness afterwards?' They said 'Oh, we don't talk about loneliness, we talk about alone-ness.' Who are these people, why do we respect them? Why is it that when children die on a school bus, they send in 12 counsellors but nobody does anything about seat-belts? Why can a young woman who knows nothing, and doesn't believe in love, be able to blow a family apart?"

Love — with all its quirks and unpredictabilities — she sees as directly threatened by therapy. "They define it as neurotic dependency out of which you must be educated. *What do they know?*"

Smiley, giggly, friendly though she still is, Weldon has had a nasty two years and makes no bones about it. Her new novel, *Affliction*, is not autobiographical, but a fictionalised, very troubling account of a marriage disintegrating while the partners have therapy. It has been a safety valve for much of her bewilderment.

She is not, however, denying other factors in her marriage. "I do know that nobody listens to a therapist unless they want to. Maybe I was sleepwalking to some extent, as you may do in a long marriage. Ron had had a threatened heart attack. He had always hated me writing. What husbands and children really want is for you to have a proper job, like a dinner-lady. I lived in London part-time, so that the office phone, fax were out of his way. When he was ill I was home more, therefore the phone went more often at home. But I never regret working. Never have. You must do what is in you, and combine it with domesticity as you can. I think I was a good, faithful wife."

She sighs: for a moment, the ebullient, argumentative, clever Weldon is deflatedly sad in a way I have never seen before. She says it was not a wacky, liberated marriage, but quite a conventional one. She has many friends, and, they say, a new love; but nonetheless mourns. "People say I should celebrate. That is terrible. Divorce is the failure of a family: a unit on which others can adhere and depend — parents, children, friends. If it collapses, you spray them all over the place. The ripples are dreadful. But therapists say that only their patient is their responsibility, to hell with the family, to hell with society, only individuals count."

Ironic, then, that her own individual talent contributed to the disaster? "The Victorians pitied clever women. They said there was no happiness at the end of it. They may be right. But cows are contented, cows are happy . . ." She sighs again. "Perhaps it is changing. I see these wonderful girls like Kate Roiphe saying it's all right, men are our friends! I think, how wonderful, but they'd better look over their shoulders . . ."

Her campaign is based more widely than on her own case, and she argues well against the blind trust of therapists, and particularly the idea of "healing" the individual of unsatisfactory relationships, even if it destroys a family. But her frankness about her own disaster might, in some minds, weaken her argument. Never mind, she says. "My hand was rather forced. When the *nisi* came through, a clever newspaper found an article published six months ago when *Affliction* came out in Norway. I was in a little fishing-village called Mold, and the journalist didn't speak much English, and muddled things up a bit. When I tell you that the article also said I presented a weekly chat-show and was a vegetarian who liked bananas, you will see the difficulties we had.

"But I did speak about my husband. And when it was printed here, I thought, why should I protect him? Why should I go along with this convention that if a man rejects you, you must bow your head and walk off into the desert? I shan't."

And if things get nasty? If a different version shortly appears under the headline "MY YEARS OF HELL WITH SHE-DEVIL FAY"? "I shall maintain that I was a very good wife. At the worst, I shall go to America and change my name." And she erupts, again, in healing laughter.

● *Affliction by Fay Weldon is published on Monday by HarperCollins, £12.99.*

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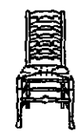
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Philip Howard



■ If you've ever had trouble with 'deasil (anag.)', here are some suggestions

Words are made for fun as well as prosing and parsing. The inventors of hieroglyphs were playing games as well as making grocery lists. Every word started as a joke or a poem, before it was blunted by constant use which has made it so familiar that now it passes through the mind without creating a ripple. The trouble with most of the words streaming around the world is that they are too true to be good, and so extremely boring.

Even so tiresome a branch-line of language as orthography preserves its subterranean poetic roots. "Eschscholt(z)ia" is not the way we would spell the California poppy if we were setting out today with phonetic rigour. But its spelling records the compliment paid to J. F. von Eschscholtz on the Romanzoff expedition in 1821, which is why careful spellers preserve its optional "t".

Because of its huge vocabulary derived from divers(e) sources, English is the queen of languages for wordplay as well as for poetry. Word games range from the obsessive puns (and ambiguities) in *Hamlet* ("Too much of water hast thou, poor Ophelia, / And therefore I forbid my tears" — how could you, William?) to such amphibologies as "Customers who think our waiters are rude should see the manager".

Now in the field of wordplay, the first hexagram has been registered. This postgraduate school of complex anagrams is run by Henry Button of Cambridge, formerly of the Min. of Ag. and Fish., who wrote to me 10 years ago pointing out that the letters of our own dear *Times* could be shuffled to make four other words each beginning with a different letter, viz. "emits", "items", "smite", "meist" (nonce-word for an egoist), and (if you want more) "teims" (which sidles into the *OED* looking shifty as a variant Scottish spelling of "teems"). Button first called such chameleon words "quinquagrams", but has since regularised its etymology to "pentagram" so that both halves are Greek.

John Sparrow, then warden of All Souls, offered "stone", with a note to justify "Etons" as the uniform of "bum-freezer" jacket and large white collar formerly worn by Etonians shorter than 5 ft 2 in. "Bores" was then recorded, with "robes", "sober", "orbes" (courtesy of J. Milton), and "Ebors" (an informal and over-familiar way of referring either to the Archbishop of York and his wife, or to his predecessors).

Since then, Henry bright as a Button, has recorded about ten English pentagrams. Two have been identified in Latin. Let one represent both: *tamen, ament, manet, natem, emant*. One in French: *après, pares (je pare, tu pares, il pare* — we are engaged in paring or dressing meat), *épars* (sparse, as in hair) and *saper* (to sap or undermine). So far, one pentagram in ancient Greek has been shaken out of the word-pot: *ienai, einai, naiei, ainei, iaine*. How about German? *Ja*; tetragram. *Heer* (army), *Rehe* (plural deer), *eher* (sooner), and *Ehre* (honour).

A hexagram has now emerged from the wordshed. In the field of wordplay this is as exciting as splitting a gene, and inspires as much surmise as Cortez catching Western man's first sight of the Pacific. The *OED* gives "eliad" as a variant and doggedly Anglo-Saxon spelling of *oeillade* (a glance, usually amorous). So take in "eliads", and the other five words are "aisled", "deasil" (righthandedwise, going around clockwise, the opposite way to ill-omened "widdershins"), "ladies", and "sailed". And since we are allowed a plural by adding an "s", you could promote the pentagram "organ", "groan", "Nagor" (the Senegal antelope), and "angor" (anguish, now only medical to describe pain round the heart) into a hexagram, by adding "s" to each of them, and introducing "sarong" (as worn by Dorothy Lamour).

A precisian might appeal against the plural "angors". But his appeal would be turned down the lines of Josuah (sic) Sylvester in 1598: "Man is loaden with ten thousand languors. / All other Creatures onely feele the angors / Of few Diseases." QED.

Pentagrams and hexagrams are rare beasts in the vocabulary jungle. They serve no practical purpose, but then neither does the tiger or the chimera. There is more to language than factual information. There should also be room for wordplay and larks. I do not know what sort of "should" that is. But I believe it.



Easy come, easy go

Bernard Levin

Wheeling and dealing comes naturally to one who has interests both retail and wholesale, in this world and the next

With any luck, I am going to be immensely rich — quite stupendously rich — any day now. First, I would have you know that a week or two ago I won the pools. When the lucre-bringing envelope arrived, I tore it open with one trembling hand, and used my other hand — no less trembling — to phone for details of the most extravagantly expensive luxury cruise available, just for starters.

Unfortunately, what fluttered out of the envelope was the news that I had won a fifth dividend, whatever that may be, and my dreams of buying the whole of the Bahamas and spending the rest of my life there rapidly faded as I learned that I had won £5.50 — not enough to buy me even one very small Bahama.

But those dashed hopes were not what I meant when I said that I was shortly going to be wallowing in bathsfull of gold doubloons. The enterprise on which I propose to embark has no such element of chance in it, and indeed there can have been very few financial dealings as manifestly foolproof than this one. Just read this, from *The Independent* (which, I have to say, could do with a few of the doubloons I am about to collect):

> The Getty family, which has a fortune estimated at $4 billion (£2.7 billion), has joined forces with Lord Rothschild and Hambros Bank in a venture to buy controlling stakes in selected British companies. Getty Investment Holdings has earmarked up to £60 million for its first acquisition. If this is successful, the venture could commit substantially larger funds to investing in the UK.

Now then: you are thinking that I am living in day-dreams, and that anyone can do that. No doubt, but when you see my credentials, you will realise that I am the perfect subject for "a venture to buy controlling stakes in selected British companies". First, I have a friend in the Getty family, and a friend in the Hambro family also, and although I cannot claim Lord Rothschild as a friend, I can certainly say that whenever we meet he is most cordial.

Well, then: that's a poke in the belly with a burnt stick for those who were so sure that I was inventing my story; but they will no doubt rally, and say that anything coming my way will be akin to the pools, with me getting nothing more than another £5.50, if that. The sceptics' name-dropping will make them uneasy, because I am able to prove what I said, but they will jeer about the companies that Getty Investment Holdings are going to buy in Britain, saying that I have no companies and wouldn't recognise one even if it came up and hit me with an umbrella.

Wrong again! I do have a company, and have had one for a good many years. It is called Fourth Floor Enterprises, because the company is to be found on the Fourth Floor of the building in which the Enterprises are dealt with. (At least, I think it is: my bizarre and total lack of direction sometimes makes me unable to remember which door is which in my own flat, a flat I have to say, in which I have lived for more than 30 years. One day, I shall write an entire column about my lack of a sense of direction, and none of you will believe a word of it, so amazing you will find it, though every word — torn out of a million embarrassments — will be perfectly true.)

My company has an enormous scope; when it was being incorporated (if that is the correct term, and I shall be greatly surprised if it is), I learned that among other things I was entitled to fell trees and sell them to the Post Office for telegraph poles. I have never yet exercised that right, but it occurs to me that if Getty Investment Holdings is looking for sound British companies to take over, I think it might be impressive if they find me overseeing a body of lumberjacks cutting down all the trees in Wimpole Street, with representatives from the Post Office saying "That one please, and that one, and that one . . . "

So sound a company is Fourth Floor Enterprises that it has never in its existence been in debt, nor has it ever resorted to litigation, much less found itself facing writs. But don't think of me as a mere a figurehead, sitting quietly at board meetings. I shall be out and about, looking for openings and sound businesses that GIH can invest in. I flatter myself that I am particularly good at seeing whether a company is really sound, and not just polished up to deceive a prospective buyer. I can assure you that I would never have failed to spot the weak points of BCCI and the present Government.

Anyway, I beseech GIH to give me a trial; take over Fourth Floor Enterprises, and see the fur fly. Indeed, I already have a substantial item in view. Only a few days ago, I read in the financial pages that the Austrian government, which has a one-third holding in the Vienna Airport, is proposing to put that stake on the market. It is not entirely clear to me at the moment how one can sell a third of an airport; does Austrian Airlines, for instance, propose to insist that all planes wishing to land there should be sawn in three equal pieces? Be that as it may, there is something that I have seen in the report which intrigues me; there is, inevitably, speculation as to what bids there will be — after all, buying a third of an airport means a substantial sum, yet we are told that the transaction may be done by "a direct sale to a trade buyer". Well, Fourth Floor Enterprises thinks big, but I am not the buyer here; for one thing, where would I put it? ("Bernard, what's that thing sticking out of your cupboard?" "Oh, that? That's a third of Vienna Airport — I thought it might come in handy one day.")

Think about it, you Gettys, Hambros and Rothschilds. But don't take too long — I have not let the grass grow under my feet, and one day you might wake up and find that I have departed for other shores. This is isn't a threat, or an ultimatum, but we must be ready, and Fourth Floor Enterprises could branch out and go it alone. For I have just learned that there is a vacancy for the post of the Funeral Ombudsman.

Did you know that there is a Funeral Standards Council? What it does I am not sure: I don't want to be macabre, but the central figure of any funeral is in no position to complain to the Funeral Standards Council, let alone the Funeral Ombudsman. Yet I learn that there is a National Association of Funeral Directors with a code of practice which takes up complaints on behalf of the public. I am sure that this is a most respectable organisation (I first wrote "respectable body"), but again I insist that the only member of the public who has a right to complain is the one who can't. Or, come to think of it, vice versa: at even the most splendid funeral, at which the band plays beautifully, the mourners weep prettily, the gravediggers adopt a properly serious mien and the heirs are suitably dignified, the deceased, however much he would have wished to do so, cannot take the next and most important step — to congratulate everybody for a delightful afternoon.

If I do put in for the job of Funeral Ombudsman, and get it, I shall demand changes in the proceedings. You may be surprised to learn that the one thing I have always wanted to be is a cannibal, though obviously I could never satisfy my curious longing: no Burke or Hare am I, doing in innocent passers-by. But if you shudder at the thought, remember that through the centuries there have been many cultures in which the dead were eaten with solemn obsequies, to say nothing of the custom of a victorious host eating the fallen enemy warriors. (Did you know that those who have eaten human flesh and written about it are unanimous in saying that it tastes like chicken?)

I do realise, of course, that such a startling change in habits will not come about quickly: perhaps I should have more one than one iron in the fire, and make sure of my position in Getty Investment Holdings. Indeed, might not GIH pioneer the meeting of minds, and advocate cannibalism — post-mortem, of course?

Perhaps not. But strange winds can blow, you know. Did you know that in Wexford, Ireland, where I go every year to the opera festival that this tiny town puts on, there is a shop in the High Street which is divided into two: above the left-hand half, in huge letters, it reads BAR, for that is what it is. But the other half proclaims, in letters no less high, UNDERTAKER.

How handy!

Being a woman is not fair

Nigel Hawkes

assesses new fears for babies' health

Nobody has ever pretended that the burden of raising children was equally shared between the sexes; but the latest scientific findings could tempt women to despair. Not only do they suffer the inconvenience and pain of pregnancy and childbirth, but now it seems they also bear responsibility down to the second generation for damage that may be done to their progeny by smoking during pregnancy. While men may father children fecklessly, women's responsibility seems to be endless.

The result will need confirmation, but there is certainly a growing body of evidence that the nine months in the womb may make or mar a child's life far more profoundly than we have ever realised. This is largely due to the pioneering work of Professor David Barker, who drew on obstetric records to follow the life-histories of children born in the early years of the century.

Time and again he has shown that there are links between birth-weight and size and the incidence of diseases such as diabetes or coronary heart disease half a century later. It is the smaller babies who fare worse, a result confirmed by a Swedish study in last week's *Lancet*, which showed that the shorter twin in a pair is 15 per cent more likely to die from heart disease.

Since birth-weight is known to be strongly linked to smoking, there was already considerable pressure on women to give it up. But Professor Golding's research lays another tier of guilt upon those who find they can't. She found that the daughters of smoking mothers — even if they are not themselves smokers — stand an increased chance of problems such as miscarriage when their own time comes to have children.

One of the horrors of radiation, when it burst upon the world, was the fear that it would corrupt humanity by altering the genetic blueprint. Those fears turned out to be largely unjustified: the effect of radiation on the living has proved more of a problem than that on the unborn. But now the focus has shifted to chemical pollutants which may mimic the behaviour of the hormone oestrogen.

In America, campaigners are already suggesting that the rising incidence of breast cancer may be linked to these chemicals. British and Danish researchers, more cautiously, have linked them with a series of changes that have been documented among men: declining sperm counts and increasing incidence of malformations in the reproductive system. The argument is that oestrogen-like chemicals may be feminising men in the womb, by upsetting development of the embryo at a critical stage.

There is, frankly, very little we can do to avoid these chemicals. If the theory proves true, then there are literally thousands of potential villains, from the residues of the birth-control pill to materials used in plastics. Professor Golding's study indicates that smoking should be added to the list, because the changes she identified in the male children of smokers are similar to those attributed to the oestrogen-like chemicals.

It can be argued, of course, that the human race has survived worse assaults than this during evolution. But our ancestors, though faced by disease and dirt, never had to cope with the infinite variety conjured up by synthetic chemistry, nor with the properties of cigarette smoke. Nor, of course, did most people in earlier times live long enough to suffer from the degenerative diseases that now carry us off.

Smoking can be avoided, at least by the tough-minded; the chemicals, most probably, cannot. It is tiresome to be told to give up smoking, but that does not alter the fact that it is good advice, especially during pregnancy. As for the rest, we urgently need to know whether the warnings over chemical pollution are a new and more sinister version of Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*, or simply another environmental scare. Only time and careful research can tell us that.

One's peace

JERRY HALL and her crooning partner Mick Jagger have successfully stolen the protestors' limelight with their complaints about jet engines over their Richmond home. But the British Airports Authority may soon be grappling with altogether more formidable disapproval. The Queen has indicated that she is not amused by Heathrow's plans for a fifth terminal within hacking distance of Windsor Castle.

At a meeting at Heathrow this week Sir John Egan, BAA's chief executive, disclosed her deep interest in the scheme to replace the existing sewage works. "I refer to the site as Perry Oaks," he disclosed. "The Queen calls it 'my end' of the airport."

Egan reassured Her Majesty that aircraft were becoming quieter, and she could enjoy a wonderful view of the terminal from Windsor Castle. The royal reply was frosty: "We're not so sure about that."

BAA nevertheless remains sanguine about prospects for the scheme, which goes before a planning enquiry in the spring of 1995. "Paris, Frankfurt and Amsterdam are keen to take business from London," Egan insists. "We cannot afford to stand idle."

Understandably the Royal Family's neighbours welcome this interest. "They would suffer like the rest of us from a new terminal," says John Boulton, chairman of the protestors' group, Heathrow Association for the Control of Aircraft Noise. "I don't know why the Queen hasn't taken a couple of heads."

All made up

BEAMING benevolently over the mess of politicians and journalists at the Commons launch party on Wednesday night for Edwina Currie's steamy novel *A Parliamentary Affair* was her petite, silver-haired Mum.

"I'm about two-thirds of the way through," says Bessie Cohen proudly. But wasn't she alarmed to see her happily-married daughter divulge knowledge of such sexual athletics? "No, she's always had a very good imagination."

Members of the tabloid ratpack, lining up for personal inscriptions, were worried lest Currie remembered their pursuit of her. Was the despicable Betts, who rapes the fictional MP's daughter, modelled on any of them? "He was not based on just one person," assures Currie. "Anyway, he came to a nasty end." Which didn't seem to comfort the hacks.

Bowing back in

DR JONATHAN MILLER'S return after six years as a director for the English National Opera's sumptuous production of Richard Strauss's *Der Rosenkavalier* went swimmingly — but only just. Just hours before the first performance on Wednesday night, the orchestra's leader, Barry Griffiths, was still without his partner of the past 30 years, his 1861 Vuillaume violin.



The instrument had been stolen a couple of nights earlier from London Bridge station, where Griffiths had inadvertently left it while rushing for a train.

A desolate leader, therefore, was preparing to play for the first night with an inferior violin, until the constabulary called. Three youths had been caught trying to sell the instrument for £150 to a Piccadilly shopkeeper. The Vuillaume was safely tucked under Griffiths' chin in time for curtain-up.

DIARY

● *A precedent appears to have been set with the republication of Thomas Keneally's novel on which Steven Spielberg's film* Schindler's List *is based. Hodder & Stoughton, Keneally's publisher, has changed the Booker-winner's name from* Schindler's Ark *to* Schindler's List, *in an attempt to boost sales on the back of the film.*

Please stay

WHILE unseemly disputes have muddied the appointment of many headships at Oxford and Cambridge, no such problems overshadowed that rather curious graduate colony, St Antony's College, Oxford. Lord Dahrendorf, a former head of the LSE and the college warden since 1987, will take St Antony's almost into the next millennium.

Understandably anxious at the prospect of monochrome life after the vividly cosmopolitan charms of St Antony's, the Liberal Democrat peer has won a three-year extension beyond the two years his contract has yet to run — simply, it appears, by being jolly well-liked by everyone. When governors gathered to ruminate over the extension until mid-1999, they decided to dispense with formality. "We put the ballot box away," says the sub-warden Dr Derek Hopwood. "There was just no need to vote because it was obvious that everyone was in favour."

German-born Lord Dahrendorf himself, while delighted, thinks it's rather surprising. "After seven years, most constituencies are fed up with their representatives!"

● *Our splendidly rotund food minister, Nicholas Soames, is loyally displaying no sign of cutting down on the stuff. But, two weeks before the beginning of Lent, he has prematurely launched into a programme of liquid abstinence without a twinge of regret. Not a drop of alcohol — or coffee — will pass the Soames lips for two months.*

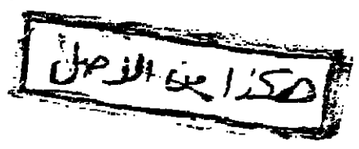


The legal threats continue

The curtain could be coming down on *Maxwell, The Musical* — even before next week's previews at London's Criterion Theatre have begun. The Attorney General, Sir Nicholas Lyell, will lodge papers today seeking an injunction to prevent the musical account of the portly publisher's life from proceeding. The chief legal eagle claims that the show could unduly influence the forthcoming trials of Maxwell sons, Ian and Kevin.

"The Attorney General is applying for the injunction wearing his hat as guardian of the public interest," reports a dry-sounding stick from his office. "He is worried about the integrity of the judicial procedure and a hearing will take place on Monday."

Evan Steadman (*above*), the producer of the show, heard of Sir Nicholas's plans yesterday afternoon and is phlegmatic: "I can't second-guess what it is that people have found or will find objectionable in legal terms." Steadman still hopes the show will go on. "I'll be there in court with my script if necessary."



FORUM FOR ULSTER

The province's parties must support the new assembly

Sooner than expected, Ulster is to have its own democratic assembly. Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, has yet to announce full details of his constitutional plan which should be unveiled in the next two weeks. But it is clear that its focus will be a new administrative forum with about 80 members. This proposal is the most encouraging development in the affairs of the province since John Major became Prime Minister and one for which he and Sir Patrick deserve credit.

Like the new Northern Ireland parliamentary select committee, the assembly will reduce the constitutional anomalies of direct rule and enrich the province's stultified political culture. It will give Ulster's best and brightest a new political career path to pursue and the communities they represent a voice outside Westminster. The power delegated from Stormont Castle to the new assembly may be modest initially; but it should be seen as a first step on the devolutionary path. In its early life, the forum should be less than a parliament but more than a talking-shop.

Sir Patrick chose his moment well, both tactically and strategically. Since the Anglo-Irish declaration in December, all else has waited on the reaction of Sinn Fein to the offer of exploratory talks in return for the renunciation of violence. The result has been a seven-week propaganda feast for the IRA's political wing, culminating in the diplomatic fiasco of Gerry Adams's propaganda trip to America. Sir Patrick's announcement signals the Government's determination to press ahead with official inter-party talks and constitutional reform regardless of Sinn Fein's actions and studied indecision.

In a broader sense, it represents a small but welcome shift of emphasis in official thinking. Since the Anglo-Irish Agreement in 1985, talks between London and Dublin have become the focus of British policy in Ulster. There has been a private assumption in Whitehall that the Republic will eventually woo the IRA to the peace table — an assumption which has yet to be vindicated. The establishment of an administrative assembly represents a welcome return to the policy of "rolling devolution" of power to the province itself.

That policy achieved little when last put into practice 12 years ago by the then Northern Ireland Secretary, James Prior. The consultative assembly established by the Northern Ireland Act of 1982 was treated with suspicion by all parties but the Alliance and was finally dissolved in 1986. Similar obstacles face the new assembly. Nationalist politicians are instinctively sceptical of devolutionary measures, on the grounds that power in Ulster is not Britain's to devolve. The SDLP will want an assembly which has close links with Dublin.

The Democratic Unionist Party, in contrast, has called in the past for a full parliament at Stormont, appointing its own executive and responsible for security — but is still boycotting the discussions on the establishment of the assembly. Even James Molyneaux, the Official Unionist leader, may withhold his support if too many concessions are made to the Republic.

There is a risk that the new forum will be still-born. The constitutional parties of the North have a moral and political duty to prevent this from happening. They must renounce the craven "abstentionism" which has been such a damaging feature of Irish politics, and embrace this opportunity.

ROSE OF BOSNIA

Politicians must now match the more robust military approach

Suddenly, there is better news from Bosnia. For months there has seemed no question of United Nations troops forcing aid past roadblocks. Although the arguments for this feeble approach have been more current among diplomats in London, Paris and New York than with the infantry grinding through the Bosnian slush, the result has been a timid interpretation of the UN mandate for the UN forces delivering aid.

Amid demoralisation all round, soldiers barred from using "all available means", as the UN promised, have been reduced to persuading, or bribing, their way past gunmen, old women or freelance gangsters. With too much aid being looted, tension has mounted between the troops and the people they are there to help. In London and Paris the politicians, prepared to utter fierce threats at the UN and Nato but unwilling to implement them, have taken to muttering "a plague on all their houses" and hinted that they will bring their boys home.

Now Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, the new UN commander in Bosnia, has begun to inject some soldierly sense into the morass of political indecision and half-measures. Declaring his intention to break, with the "inconsistent and sometimes faint-hearted" use of the UN's mandate, he has tried what a little muscle can do. Earlier this week, he informed all parties that he would be mounting a "hardline, hardnosed" drive to deliver relief.

Yesterday, confronted by a Serb roadblock near Sarajevo, he sent British Warrior combat vehicles to back up negotiations and announced that they would force a way through if these failed. Within hours, all UN traffic was moving normally. The Serbs had been "persuaded" to honour the oft-repeated pledge by all sides not to block humanitarian operations. On Route Diamond, the lifeline to central Bosnia, a British armoured escort dispersed a civilian mob attempting to loot another convoy by firing two rounds in the air.

This and other small but symbolically important successes must now be built on. The immediate task is to get through to the most vulnerable enclaves. Nato should declare Tuzla airport open and say that any Serb attacks will be met with the force, including air power, at the UN's disposal. The Mostar-Sarajevo road could, with determination, be secured. Such steps seem less politically impossible than they did a few weeks ago. Sir Michael has said he has no qualms about calling in air power to protect his troops. The UN secretary-general has at last agreed to delegate decisions on air power to local level, where they belong. France is now demanding an end to Western military and diplomatic paralysis.

Douglas Hurd appears to have returned from the Bosnian front line a wiser man. British soldiers did not make mass complaints that humanitarian relief was prolonging the fighting. They pointed out what should have been obvious: first, that the military would always eat even when women and children starved; second, that the big losers would be the Bosnian government side, the victims of aggression. Unlike the Serbs and Croats, they were hemmed in, with no external supply lines. British officers told him that they were confident they could do a decent job of saving lives, if they were only permitted to set about it more "robustly".

Sir Michael has made a good start in the field; the diplomats must do their part, starting on Monday when the European Union's foreign ministers meet. The UN has now officially confirmed what has been common knowledge for weeks: Croatia's deployment of regular forces in Bosnia. Britain and France must push Germany to come off the fence and agree immediately to end Croatia's trade concessions with the EU. Germany's main obsession, in an election year, is to stem the flow of Croatian refugees; but Croatia's escalation of the war will have just that effect, and deterrence is imperative. The UN Security Council must go further than the EU, imposing economic sanctions.

This would make it far easier to persuade the Russians that Serbs as well as Croats must yield more territory. That is the way to end this war. There has been too much talk about the Bosnian government's intransigence in refusing to accept patchwork fragments of territory which nobody dares pretend can long be viable as a state. So long as the Bosnians have nothing to lose, it is absurd to expect them to lay down their arms.

PARENTAL DUTY

Civic responsibilities are as important as civic rights

Although "back to basics" has now entered political legend as a slogan that backfired disastrously, more thoughtful ministers are already asking what can be salvaged from the principles that underpinned John Major's ill-fated initiative. That the campaign was badly handled is beyond dispute. But the questions which it raised about national identity, culture and morality — and which Michael Portillo addressed in his speech to the Conservative Way Forward group — still have resonance.

Yesterday Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, launched a system of fines which will be similarly contentious. Under the proposals, which will be included in an amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill, parents face £1,000 fines for the misdeeds of their children. This will simply strengthen existing legislation which gives courts powers to compel parents to attend cases involving their children and pay their fines and compensations. But, in the current atmosphere of moral enquiry, Mr Howard's plan is particularly significant. It hints at a political discourse in which civic responsibility will be as important as civic rights.

The example of parental behaviour is instructive. In the last five years, parents' control over their children's education has increased enormously. They have gained new rights of appeal against admissions decisions taken by schools and access to an unprecedented supply of information about their relative performance. But it is right that this welcome process of empowerment should be matched by legislation obliging parents to fulfil their responsibilities.

Although the Child Support Act has been badly implemented, the principle which it enshrines — that errant fathers must pay for the upbringing of their children — is unimpeachable. Equally, parents should be partly responsible for the misconduct of their children. The transference of blame cannot be total: children are capable of pure evil, as the James Bulger case showed to distressing effect. But neither can parents be absolved completely of their progeny's misbehaviour; a balance must be struck. Unpopular as this measure may be, it marks the beginning of a political path which the Government should follow with courage. It is time to examine afresh the notion of duty.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Printers troubled by libel writs

From the Director General of the British Printing Industries Federation

Sir, It is not just celebrities and newspaper proprietors who have trouble with libel law. Among all the concern expressed about the rights and wrongs of current high-profile cases (letters, January 31), there is one small innocent group whose case has been recognised by Government but who are still unfairly open to libel claims.

Outside the newspaper world are the thousands of small general and specialist printers who produce work for their local communities, or for wider audiences using customers' material. Now that technology does not permit them the reading process, such printers cannot be expected to have any control over or knowledge of the content.

These printers remain vulnerable in law and some have faced substantial bills and damages. One small company produced work for a political party to a total value of £50 and subsequently had to pay out more than £3,000 when that party had no funds and the typesetter had gone out of business.

The Attorney-General, in a written answer given in May 1991, agreed that the law needed changing to give printers the defence of innocent dissemination, but still they are threatened. We were promised such a change when "a suitable legal vehicle" appeared. Printers are losing patience — and money — waiting for that vehicle!

Yours faithfully,
COLIN STANLEY,
Director General,
British Printing Industries Federation,
11 Bedford Row, WC1.
January 27.

A minor crime?

From Mr George Stern

Sir, Alastair Brett is right ("Wheel turns in libel casino", Media, January 26): our unique libel laws (and the coming privacy laws) are just ways for rich people and rich crooks to silence the rest of us. But the legal profession will never willingly turn off the never-ceasing fountain of million-pound briefs for salacious rubbish, any more than our top people will surrender their power to fine us millions for criticising them.

In more sensible countries, libel is a minor crime investigated in a few hours by the lowest level of criminal court. Fines are in the hundreds or low thousands of pounds and lawyers' fees are equally low. Of course, people who can show that their business has been damaged by the libel can sue for malicious falsehood, just as here. But nobody, however rich, walks off with six or seven figures for ritually weeping in court.

Carter-Ruck on Libel and Slander gives defamation laws round the world: all Mr Major need do is slap it on the Lord Chancellor's desk and say: "Do this here, and do it now."

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE STERN,
6 Eton Court, 6 Shepherds Hill, N6.
January 26.

From Mr Robin McOuat

Sir, As a lawyer practising in the cash-strapped field of crime rather than the luxurious pastures of defamation may I suggest that duelling be reintroduced as the proper means to settle matters of honour?

A short Bill could be laid before Parliament to remove any legal sanction that would otherwise flow from killing or injuring one's opponent and to lay the basic ground rules of the contest.

Perhaps the only weapons permitted should be single-shot pistols. This would remove any physical advantage that men have over women and would obviate the need for champions, thus avoiding the emergence of expensive "Carmans of the Lists".

Even taking into account medical care for an injured party, the costs in time and money must be less than either High Court litigation or arbitration as suggested today by Mona Bauwens (article, "My libel ordeal"). Who is to say that the result will be any less fair than either of these methods?

Yours sincerely,
ROBIN McOUAT,
13 Ferrers Road, Lewes, East Sussex.
January 28.

'Green' action plan

From Ms Alexandra Stacey

Sir, The inclusion of a hefty 17.5 per cent VAT on fuel consumption in the Government's "green" action plan (report, January 26) not only treats the general public to another round of beating with the tax stick, but seriously underestimates people's intelligence.

People will have noticed, for example, the lack of any commitment in the announcement to direct the huge revenues this tax will generate towards cheaper and improved public transport or even the development of green technology.

The public are not fooled: this tax is yet another way to raise money for a depleted exchequer.

Yours faithfully,
ALEXANDRA STACEY,
19 Bolton's Court,
216-22 Old Brompton Road, SW5.
January 26.

Homosexual consent within the law

From Mr R. Kennedy

Sir, It is with real sadness and concern that I write to express an opposing view to the letters printed today on the subject of lowering the age at which homosexual acts should be legalised.

Surely society and all those in responsible positions should do all they can to discourage homosexuality: lowering the age at which it can be performed within the law sends entirely the wrong message to young people. Puberty is the most emotionally vulnerable age in a man's life, and it is not the time to allow youths to risk becoming prey to experienced homosexuals.

Parents, agony aunts and all those who have their best interests at heart should advise them to follow the natural course and seek a normal relationship with someone of the opposite sex. They should be told that homosexual and lesbian activities, although indulged in by some, are not to be encouraged if they are to have a happy and fulfilled life.

Homosexuals talk of love. What they have is friendship, which everyone needs, and lust, which everyone experiences and can be directed and controlled. Neither should be confused with love.

Let the voices be heard of everyone who believes in natural love between man and woman, the family and normal sexual activity between those of the opposite sex and not just the views of those unhappy people who are desperate to see their own actions justified by encouraging others to join them. Those of different sexual orientation should not be persecuted; neither should they be encouraged if we are to have a wholesome, tolerant and happy society.

Yours sincerely,
R. KENNEDY,
2 The Square, Richmond, Surrey.
January 31.

From the Chief Executive of the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux

Sir, Like Claire Rayner and her colleagues (letter, January 31), the CAB service is very concerned by the fact that young gay men are scared to seek advice for fear that they may be prosecuted. We have evidence to show that they significantly under-use the services of their local bureaux.

Advisers working within the service know from their daily work the discrimination faced by both lesbians and gay men. They report cases of dismissal without notice when it is discovered that the employee is gay; persistent harassment of gay couples by neighbours; ignorance and lack of respect by services, from health providers to the benefits agency and insurance companies.

There is no statutory protection from discrimination on the grounds of sexuality in the UK, but at least lesbians and gay men over the age of 21 do not have to fear prosecution if they seek to put right bad treatment.

Gay men under the age of 21 have to put up not only with the effects of discrimination, but also with the knowledge that to seek redress may get them a conviction.

Yours sincerely,
ANN ABRAHAM,
Chief Executive,
National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux,
Myddelton House,
115-123 Pentonville Road, N1.
January 31.

From Mr and Mrs Ian Smart

Sir, Surely the real issues in this debate are that we do not want our children's innocent sexual experiments overshadowed by the threat of blackmail or prosecution, but we do want to protect them from exploitation and possible corruption by older or more experienced partners.

No solution can be perfect, but we could go some way towards resolving this conflict by lowering the age of consent to 15 for both heterosexual and homosexual acts whilst making it illegal for anyone to have a sexual partner who is both under 18 and more than three years younger than themselves.

Yours faithfully,
IAN SMART,
BARBARA SMART,
44 Bath Road,
Swindon, Wiltshire.

From the Rector of Chatham

Sir, Sir Ian McKellen and an anguish of agony aunts would have us all inhabit their imagined "real world" with its "simple justice". Most of us, however, know only too well that life is a little more complex.

When, as a pastor, one has to counsel teenage men who cannot cope with a heterosexual relationship because they have been preyed upon earlier, at a confusing and impressionable stage of their development, one is bound to see things a little differently. And when honest gay friends speak of the essential nature of so much homosexual activity not as procreational (of course) or relational, but as recreational, the thought of lowering the age of consent — thereby condemning future generations of teenage boys to a nightmarish existence — is truly appalling.

Yours faithfully,
R. CAMPBELL PAGET.
The Rectory, 65 Maidstone Road,
Chatham, Kent.
January 31.

From Mr Richard Need

Sir, I wonder whether Miss Kellett (letter, January 31) thinks that the "homo" in "homosexual" is the Latin word for "man". It is a Greek prefix meaning "same", as in "homogeneous" and "homophone". "Homophobia" and "homocritical" are not bastard words at all but pure Greek.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD NEED.
11 Hemingford Road,
Cheam, Surrey.
January 31.

Aid and trade

From the Director General of the Export Group for the Constructional Industries

Sir, I was concerned to see, in your recent editorials on the Pergau dam in Malaysia (January 19 and 28: also letters, January 25, 28, 31), that you took the opportunity to criticise the Aid and Trade Provision (ATP) as a whole. On behalf of British contractors working in international markets, I would like to stress its importance for British business and jobs.

Many large infrastructural development projects in the Third World continue to be funded in whole or in part by tied bilateral aid from Western governments. Britain has for many years given less bilateral aid, both in value and as a proportion of total aid, than any of our major competitors. This is a handicap for British contractors, and for the large network of suppliers and subcontractors throughout the United Kingdom who depend on them.

In recent years ATP, which accounts for less than 5 per cent of the total Overseas Development Administration budget, has enabled British companies to participate in a series of major development projects in Egypt, Lesotho, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Malaysia, Cameroon and Malawi.

Various studies have shown that the benefits to the British economy from ATP far outweigh the costs.

Yours sincerely,
ALICK GOLDSMITH,
Director General, The Export Group for the Constructional Industries,
Kingsbury House, 15-17 King Street,
St James's, SW1.

Animal lung cancer

From Professor D. F. Kelly

Sir, There has been considerable interest in the fate of a budgerigar said to have lung cancer ("Budgie dies from passive smoking", January 27). Your report mentioned the possibility that this bird's respiratory problems were caused by passive inhalation of the owner's tobacco smoke. The diagnosis of lung cancer in animals can be made reliably only by post-mortem examination. My suspicion about this case was confirmed when I ascertained from the veterinary surgeon involved that no post-mortem examination had been undertaken.

Substantiation of this news item is, therefore, lacking and newspaper reports about this bird and its owner owe more to public sentiment and speculation than to veterinary medical fact.

As a practising veterinary pathologist, I am unaware of any published evidence to link animal lung tumours with passive smoking. Their prevalence in animals is relatively low, by comparison with that in humans, and confirmation of any putative risk related to tobacco smoke could emerge only from collection and rigorous epidemiological analysis of post-mortem data from many veterinary centres.

Yours faithfully,
D. F. KELLY,
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PO Box 147, Liverpool L69 3BX.

Busy Modigliani

From Mrs Judith Moss

Sir, At first impression, and as a layman, one might agree with Richard Cork's statement that the exhibition of Modigliani drawings at the Royal Academy might have been more bracing had there been fewer of them (Arts, January 18).

But, as an artist/art therapist I found it to be a lively representation of the exhibition title, "The Unknown Modigliani". I also found it encouraging to observe the process by which I assume Modigliani achieved the glowing portraits for which he is famous.

Cork suggests that Modigliani is shown as "obsessive" and "lazy". But for me these drawings are expressive of meditative exercises designed to reach a "centre" of creativity (which, it is said, lies within us all).

Modigliani concentrated on a particular theme, seeming to repeat it but in fact ever changing it. From it emerged the exquisite and imperturbable limestone carving, representative of the work with which we are familiar. It is one of the two "finished" portraits at the exhibition. Had there been more we might have been dazzled.

Far from being lazy, we are shown what excessively hard work it takes in order to achieve such exquisiteness.

Yours faithfully,
JUDITH MOSS,
The Grange, Bovingdon Green,
Bovingdon, Hertfordshire.
January 27.

How arts millions are mismanaged

From Mr Michael Elliott

Sir, Appointments pages in the national press last month contained advertisements for an assistant director, National Lottery, a National Lottery director (the Arts Council), and a director, National Lottery (Scottish Arts Council). The total salary cost for these three posts will be up to £110,000.

In the case of the first two positions the job-holders are being charged with establishing a supporting staff of up to 25 people. In 1992-93 the cost of an administrative staff member of the Arts Council was £55,000. At that figure the cost of these two new structures is likely to be around £2.75 million.

These new costs will be added to the over £20 million taken to run the bureaucracies of the three arts councils and the regional arts boards.

At the same time artists and arts organisations and their workers are about to suffer damaging cuts as a result of the reduction in next year's central grant.

It seems never to occur to the funding administrations to absorb this cut by reducing their own costs, rather than pass it on to their already underfunded clients. Instead they set up costly extra departments to administer the new lottery funds.

Is there no one capable of stopping this continued mismanagement of arts funding, and of seeing that it gets to where it was intended — the artist?

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL ELLIOTT,
149 Forest Road,
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
February 1.

Leakey's record

From Sir Christopher Lever

Sir, Your report, "Hoteliers wild about Dr Leakey" (January 27), highlights the potentially serious consequences for wildlife and tourism if Dr Leakey's resignation as director of the Kenya Wildlife Service is accepted.

When Dr Leakey was appointed five years ago, the service's operating budget, provided by the government, was only $6 million, most of which was spent on administration. Poaching of elephants and rhinos was widespread, and few anti-poaching activities were possible.

With support from President Daniel arap Moi, a public relations campaign, conducted by Dr Leakey and inaugurated by the public burning of several tons of confiscated poached ivory, helped to attract many millions of dollars in overseas aid, and by 1992 only 5 per cent of the budget was government-funded.

Corrupt staff were replaced, conditions of service were improved, and a code of conduct, strict disciplinary measures and up-to-date management practices were introduced.

As a result, morale greatly improved, poaching was much reduced, and the decline in elephant and rhino numbers was curtailed. Dr Leakey also valued good relationships with local communities.

Without Dr Leakey all these improvements will go by the board, and Kenya is likely to lose both tourists, as poaching is resumed, and much-needed foreign aid.

Furthermore, Kenya's image as being in the forefront of African wildlife conservation will be severely tarnished.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER LEVER,
Newell House, Winkfield,
Windsor, Berkshire.
January 28.

Alzheimer's hope

From Major and Mrs John FitzGerald

Sir, We were interested to read about the new treatment by the drug tacrine for Alzheimer's disease (article, January 25; letter, January 28). To date a sure diagnosis of the disease can be made only by autopsy, although recent research in the University of Washington has indicated that it may be possible to diagnose certain dementia patients as *not* being Alzheimer's sufferers.

Might it not be better to say that tacrine does have positive results for some patients with dementia, and that some of these may have Alzheimer's disease?

Yours etc,
JOHN FitzGERALD,
MARIELUISE FitzGERALD
(Joint Directors),
Research into Ageing
(North Yorkshire),
68 Heworth Village, York.
January 28.

Changing values

From Mr M. Moorhouse

Sir, Inflation is both insidious and reductive. The phrase "sixty-four thousand dollar question" should surely be amended.

Yours faithfully,
M. MOORHOUSE,
18 Acton Lane, W4.
February 2.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 071-782 5046.

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM
NORFOLK
February 3: The Queen this afternoon visited the Phobbies Club at Dersingham Church Hall, Norfolk, where Her Majesty viewed an exhibition of Phobbies work, and was received by the Chairman (Mrs Ann Butler).

Lady Dugdale and Mr Robin Janvrin were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Chancellor, this evening attended a performance of Patience given by the Gilbert and Sullivan Society of Cambridge University at the Corn Exchange, Cambridge.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 3: The Princess Royal, President of the Patrons, Crime Concern, this morning attended a One Day Conference "Families and Crime Prevention" at the Royal College of Physicians, London NW1.

Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, this afternoon attended a Luncheon for National Journalists at the Regus Conference Centre, 1 Northumberland Avenue, London WC2.

Lady Carew-Pole was in attendance.

The Princess Royal later gave the Shaftesbury Lecture at Harrow School, Harrow on the Hill, Middlesex.

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 3: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning visited Thrislington Sales Limited, North Wales Trade Centre, Sandycroft, Deeside, Clwyd, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Clwyd (Sir William Gladstone, Bt).

His Royal Highness later visited Nu-Kote International, Deeside Industrial Park, Deeside.

The Duke of Kent this afternoon visited Warwick International Limited, Mostyn, Holywell, and Quest Refrigeration Manufacturing Limited, Aber Park, Flint, Clwyd, Wales.

Mr Nicolas Adamson was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
February 3: Princess Alexandra, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, today visited The Queen's Royal Lancers at Osnabruck, Germany.

Mrs Peter Afia and Rear Admiral Sir John Garnier were in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal will open the Gyle Shopping Centre, South Gyle, Edinburgh, at 11.20; as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend a 75th birthday appeal reception at the Royal Terrace Hotel, 18 Royal Terrace, at 12.30. As President of the Riding for the Disabled Association, she will open the new outdoor arena at the Drum Riding Centre, Drum Estate, Gilmerton Road, at 2.15; as President of the Save the Children Fund, will visit the shop at 45 Dalry Road at 3.45; and, as President of The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will attend a dinner at the National Gallery of Scotland at 7.30.

The Duchess of Kent will attend a Metropolitan Police passing out parade at the Peel Centre, Hendon, at 12.15.

The Queen has appointed Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Guy Acland to be Deputy Master of the Household and Equerry to Her Majesty to succeed Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson, on his retirement in August.

Appointments

John Scannell and John Michael Qualter Hepworth to be full-time Chairmen of Industrial Tribunals.

Luncheons

HM Government
The Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and Mrs Hurd held a farewell luncheon yesterday at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of the Australian High Commissioner and Mrs Smith.

Lord Mayor of Westminster
The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Mr Anthony Bianco were hosts at a luncheon held yesterday at City Hall in honour of the Bishop of London.

Canada-UK Chamber of Commerce
Mr Daniel Johnson, Premier Ministre of Quebec, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon given by the Canada-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce held yesterday at Stationers' Hall.

The Royal Society of Chemistry

The following were admitted as Fellows of The Royal Society of Chemistry on January 21, 1994. They are entitled to use the designation 'Chartered Chemist' and the letters CChem FRSC:
M J Adams, F Binns, P W Cains, T H Carr, M P L Caton, J M Chalmers, J M Clough, D A Ferguson, S Forbes, T Gye, G Harrison, R G G Holmes, T Hori, R Ikan, T Javed, R D Jennings, T G Jolley, D W Marpole, J Marshall, L M Miller, C Nallaiah, A Parker, R R Pritchard, B Stewart, P Stone, A D Tait, J D Woollins.

Birthdays

Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Ashmore, 73; Mr John Bird, MEP, 68; Mr Colin Black, chairman, Scottish Widows' Fund and Life Assurance Society, 64; the Hon Sir Clive Bossom, former MP, 76; Mr Jim Cunningham, MP, 53; Dr P.E. Thompson Hancock, oncologist, 90; Lord Haslam, 71; the Earl of Hillsborough, 35; Mr R.C. Hoban, writer, 69; the Marquess of Huntly, 50; Mr Steve Knight, jockey, 39; Mr David Malouf, novelist, 60; the Hon Mrs Ray Michie, MP, 60; Lord Moncreiff, 79; Mr Stanley Newens, MEP, 64; Mr Justice Nicholson, 61; Mr Tim O'Sullivan, governor, Holloway Prison, 51; Mr Charles Pollard, chief constable, Thames Valley, 49; Mr William Ross, MP, 58; Mr Richard Ryder, MP, 45; Lord Shawcross, QC, 92; Mr John Willan, former managing director, London Philharmonic Orchestra, 51; Mr Norman Wisdom, actor and comedian, 79; the Most Rev Derek Worlock, Archbishop of Liverpool, 74; Mr Matthew Yates, athlete, 25; Professor Sir Christopher Zeeman, principal, Hertford College, Oxford, 69.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.D. Cohen and Miss J.D. Blair
The engagement is announced between Shimon, son of Mr and Mrs Louis Cohen, of Stanmore, Middlesex, and Jessica Dana, daughter of Ms Sydney-Ann Blair, of New York City.

Mr S.F. Crocket and Miss J.E. Martin
The engagement is announced between Stephen Francis, elder son of Mr and Mrs Douglas Crocket, of Cardross, Dumbartonshire, and Joanna Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Martin, of Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Mr J.D. Hart and Miss C.L. Egan
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Mr and Mrs Ian Hart, of Barnt Green, Worcestershire, and Catherine, elder daughter of Sir John and Lady Egan, of Warwick.

Mr A. Mattich and Miss J.L.W. Vinten
The engagement is announced between Alen, only son of Dr and Mrs Angelo Mattich, of Annandale, Virginia, and Jane Lucy Woodburn, youngest daughter of Mr William Vinten, of Great Whelnetham, Suffolk, and of Mrs Joan Robinson, of Orford, Suffolk.

Mr W.P. Mosely and Miss C.C. Hall
The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs David Mosely, of Oxford, and Catherine, daughter of Commander Tim Hall, of Cropthorne, Worcestershire, and Mrs Susan Hall, of Westbourne, West Sussex.

Mr R. Murru and Miss A.M. Keay
The engagement is announced between Roberto, elder son of Mr and Mrs Giampietro Murru, of Harrow on the Hill, Middlesex, and Amanda, younger daughter of Mrs Diana Keay, of Ealing, London.

Mr R.P. O'Kelly and Miss C.E. Philip
The engagement is announced between Robin, youngest son of Captain and Mrs Michael O'Kelly, of South Harting, West Sussex, and Catherine, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Philip, of Foxham, Wiltshire.

Mr A.D.K. Pitcairn and Miss K.S. Thornfield
The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs James Pitcairn, of Claygate, Surrey, and Karen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Thornfield, of Harrow on the Hill.

Mr I.G. Robertson and Miss I.M.S. Grant
The engagement is announced between Graham, third son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Robertson, of South Shields, and Isobel, only daughter of Sir Anthony and Lady Grant, of Cambridge.

Reception

Linklaters & Paines
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress were present at a reception given by the partners of Linklaters & Paines last night at the Mansion House to mark Mr Mark Sheldon's recent Presidency of The Law Society of England and Wales. Mr James Wyness, Senior Partner, welcomed the guests and the Right Hon the Lord Donaldson of Lymington responded and proposed a toast to Mr Sheldon.

Horners' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Horners' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Dr Eric Millman Hunt; Upper Warden, Mr John Victor Webb; Renter Warden, Mr David John Rogers; Deputy Master, Mr Jeremy David Spofforth.

MIKE POWELL



Miss Katya Clemence, the daughter of Mr and Mrs Terrence Clemence, after her wedding yesterday to Mr Richard Arthur Milborne-Swinnerton-Pilkington at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London W1. The groom is the heir to Sir Thomas Milborne-Swinnerton-Pilkington, Bt

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Pierre Marivaux, novelist and dramatist, Paris, 1688; George Lillo, dramatist, London, 1693; Carl Bellman, songwriter, Stockholm, 1740; Tadeusz Kosciusko, Polish patriot, Mereczowczezyna, 1746; William Harrison Ainsworth, novelist, Manchester, 1805; Fernand Léger, painter, Argention, France, 1881; Edwin Pratt, poet, Western Bay, Newfoundland, 1883; Ugo Betti, dramatist, Camerino, Italy, 1892; Ludwig Erhard, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany 1963-66, Fürth, 1897; Jacques Prévert, poet, Neuilly-sur-Seine, 1900; Charles Lindbergh, aviator, Detroit, 1902; Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Protestant theologian, Breslau, 1906.

DEATHS: Lucius Septimus Severus, Roman Emperor 193-211, York, 211; Antonio Pollaiuolo, sculptor, Rome, 1498; John Rogers, Protestant martyr, burnt at the stake, London, 1555; Giovanni Battista Della Porta, philosopher, Naples, 1615; Robert Koldewey, archaeologist who excavated Babylon, Berlin, 1925; Edward Sapir, anthropologist, New Haven, Connecticut, 1939; Karen Carpenter, singer, Los Angeles, 1983; Liberace, pianist, Palm Springs, 1987.

The Yalta conference of Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin opened, 1945.

Ceylon, later known as Sri Lanka, became an independent state, 1948.

The Sunday Times issued the first colour supplement in Britain, 1962.

Dinner

Bus & Coach Council
The President of the Bus & Coach Council, Mr Trevor Smallwood and Members of the Council presided at the Annual Dinner at the Grosvenor House Hotel, London, W1, yesterday. Mr Steven Norris, MP, Minister for Transport in London, was the Guest of Honour. Among the guests were the Lord Teviot, Sir Peter Fry, MP, Mr Simon Coombs, MP, Mr Norman Hogg, MP, Mr John Marshall, MP, Mr Barry Sheerman, MP, Mr Gary Waller, MP, and the Traffic Commissioners for England, Scotland and Wales.

Church news

The Rev Peter Allan, Team Vicar, Halesworth Team Ministry (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich): to be Team Rector, Trunch group of parishes (Norwich).

The Rev Canon Herbert Bradley, Rector, Great Massingham w. Little Massingham and Harpley: to be *also* Priest-in-charge, Weasenham and Wellingham (Norwich).

The Rev Frank Chappell, Vicar, Dacre w. Hartwith and Darley w. Thornthwaite: to be *also* Assistant Rural Dean of Ripon (Ripon).

The Rev Ken Dagger, Assistant Curate, St Anne, Rainhill: to be Team Vicar St James, Maghull (Liverpool).

The Rev David Dainty, Chaplain (whole-time) Meanwood Park, Seacroft and Killingbeck Hospitals (Ripon): to be Priest-in-charge, Christ Church, Turnham Green (London).

The Rev Paul Dawson, Vicar, St Philip, Westbrook: to be Personal Chaplain to the Bishop of Liverpool (Liverpool).

The Rev Hitesh Dodhia, Chaplain, HM Prison, Rochester (Rochester): to be Chaplain, HM Youth Custody Centre, Glen Parva, Leicester.

Memorial services

Lord Mais
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, the Sheriffs and their ladies, read the second lesson at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Mais held yesterday at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall. The Rev David Burgess officiated and Canon John Oates led the prayers. Sir Edward Howard read the first lesson and the Hon Richard Mais, son, paid tribute. The Swordbearer and the Chief Commoner and Mrs Holland attended. Antong others present were:

Lady Mais (widow), the Hon Jonathan and Mrs Mais (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and the Hon Mrs Robert Beckman (son-in-law and daughter), the Hon Mrs Richard Mais (daughter-in-law), Mr Alex Mais, Miss Vanessa Mais, Lydia Mais, Joel Mais and Duncan Mais (grandchildren), Mrs Beverley Cornish.

Cordelia Lady Greenway, Lord Palumbo, Lord Ezra, the Hon Sir Clive Bossom, the Hon Lady Bowater, Alderman Sir Alan Traill, Alderman Sir Christopher Leaver, Sir Allan Davis (Sheriff's Society), Sir Ralph Kilner Brown, Sir Murray Fox, Sir Alan and Lady Harris, Alderman Sir Brian and Lady Jenkins, General Sir John Stibbon, Sir Peter Studd, Sir Hugh Bidwell, Sir John and Lady Leonard, Colonel and Alderman Sir Greville Spratt (London TA), Lady Gardner-Thorpe, Lady Woltmer.

The Master of the Cutlers' Company and Mrs Roberts, the Master of the Paviors' Company, the Master of the Marketors' Company and Mrs Hathrell, Mr R Jordan (representing the master, Plaisterers' Company), Professor R N Franklin (vice-chancellor, City University) and Mrs Franklin, Mr Deputy Bernard L Morgan (City Livery Club), Mr Deputy J S Henderson (Court of Common Council) and Mrs Henderson, Mr David Prest (Faber Prest), Lieutenant-Colonel J Franklin (representing the president, Royal British Legion), Major-General G B Pawcus (Representative Colonel Commandant, Royal Engineers).

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Professor Maurice Cranston
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Professor Maurice Cranston was held on Wednesday at St George's, Bloomsbury. The Rev Michael Day officiated. Mr Nicholas Cranston, son, read from *Freedom* by Maurice Cranston and Mr Francis King, International Vice-President of International PEN, read *Afterwards* by Thomas Hardy. Professor William Letwin gave the address. Among others present were:

Mrs Cranston (widow), Mr and Mrs Stephen Cranston (son and daughter-in-law), Contessa Benigna Bustiri Vici (sister-in-law), Comtesse Immacolata de Simony, Lord Harris of High Cross, Lord and Lady Strabolgi, the Hon Mrs Susan Baring (British Institute of Human Rights), Dame Josephine Barnes, Sir Peregrine Worsthorne, Professor and Mrs Nicholas Mann, Professor David Raphael, Mr Arthur Crook, Miss Juliet Wrightson, Dr and Mrs Anthony Storr, Professor E N Franklin, Mrs A Goodwin, Mrs Derwentt May, Professor Bernard Crick, Professor J H Burns, Mr James Campbell, Mr Charles Osborne, Dr John Horder, Mr and Mrs Jack Baer, Mr John Garnett, Mr Charles Regan, Mrs A Secker, Mrs M Keller, Dr Robert Orr, Professor Benjamin Roberts, Mr Michael Rubinstein, Mr and Mrs Bamber Gascoigne, Professor and Mrs J Watkins, Mr Hugh Wood, Mr Bryan Magee, Mr Peter Dawson, Mr Michael F Cullis.

Professor K R Minogue (London School of Economics and Political Science, London University), Mr John Simopoulos (St Catherine's College, Oxford University), Mr Torben Grage (Copenhagen University, Denmark), Mr Lewis Golden (chairman, London Library) with Mr Alan Bell; Miss Josephine Pullein-Thompson (English Centre of International PEN), Mrs J Reichardt (Societé Européenne de Culture), Mr W Percy Grieve, QC, and Mr Richard Gunter (British Federation of Alliance Française), Mr Stephen D Sinnott (Friends of Benjamin Franklin House), Mr Richard Connolly (Australian Broadcasting Corporation) and Miss Caroline Dawnay (Peters Fraser and Dunlop).

Mr Adrian N. Sherwin-White
A memorial service for Mr Adrian N. Sherwin-White, MA, FBA, Sir Thomas White Scholar and Merchant Taylors' Senior Scholar 1930-36, Fellow, Tutor and Lecturer 1936-79, University Reader in Roman History 1966-79, and Emeritus Fellow 1979-93, will be held in the Chapel of St John's College, Oxford, on Saturday, March 5, 1994, at 2.30pm. Tea will be available in Hall following the service.

Latest wills

Mr Guy Rupert Gerard Nevill, of London SW3, the art dealer, author and amateur jockey, and elder son of Lord Rupert Nevill, Treasurer to the Duke of Edinburgh, left estate valued at £1,360,498 net.

Mr Percy Martyn Skinner, of Taunton, Somerset, the poet, left estate valued at £576,320 net.

Mr Kenneth George Young, of St Mary Bourne, Andover, Hampshire, the first chief computer programmer at the Bank of England, left estate valued at £224,007 net.

Gertrude Beatrice Robinson, of Lytham St Annes, Lancashire, left estate valued at £424,563 net.
She left £15,500 and her car to personal legacies, and the residue to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

Sir Maurice Henry Dorman, of Overton, Marlborough, Wiltshire, former Governor-General of Sierra Leone, left estate valued at £220,648 net.

Sir Bruce Donald Fraser, of St Dogmaels, Dyfed, Comptroller and Auditor-General 1966-71, left estate valued at £190,293 net.

Mr Thomas Stuart Rose, of Coggeshall, Essex, the designer and typographer, former design adviser for the Post Office, left estate valued at £159,994 net.

Sir Charles Demoree Newbold, of Chichester, West Sussex, former president of the Court of Appeal for Eastern Africa, left estate valued at £349,933 net.

Sir Harold Percival Himsworth, of London NW8, former Secretary of the Medical Research Council, left estate valued at £919,428 net.

Mr Vincent Jay Santella, of London N4, who died intestate, left estate valued at £1,038,495 net.

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BIRTHS

BORDET - On 31st January 1994, to Carole (née Avon) and Stefano, a daughter, Fiona Carine Marina. Love and thanks to Pat, Denise, family and friends.

BRADNAM - On 31st January, to Sarah and Stuart, a son, Daniel Luke, a brother for Thomas.

CARRICK SMITH - On 30th January, to Anne (née Sampson) and John, a daughter, Emma Jane, a sister for William.

CHENCINER - Robert and Marian (née Ellingworth) are delighted to announce the birth of Louisa Ellen Mary on 31st January 1994 in the safe and gentle hands of St Mary's Hospital, Paddington.

COLLETT - On January 29th 1994 at the Royal Surrey Hospital, Guildford, to Emily (née MacGregor-Oakford) and John, a son (Maximilian John MacGregor).

CRAMPTON - To Harriet Crampton and Gregory Treadwell, a daughter, on February 3rd, in Auckland, New Zealand.

CUNNINGHAM - On 27th January, to Rebecca (née Davies-Jones) and Clive, a son, Benjamin Henry George.

GAUNT - On 28th January, to Ashley and Jenny (née Naud), a daughter, Natalie Joanne.

KELLMAN - On Sunday 30th January, to Deborah (née Patten) and James, a daughter, Rosina Mary Anne, a sister for Simon and Lucy.

MORRIS - On 1st February 1994, to Veronica and Nicholas, a son, Joshua Michael Amo.

NDON - On February 1st at The Portland Hospital, to Rana (née Nassar) and Patrick, a beautiful daughter, Tina-Maria.

PEREIRA - On Monday January 31st 1994 to Frankie and Nigel, a beautiful son; Daniel Jerome. (Child number one).

POWNE - On 30th January 1994, to Christina (née Johnson) and Richard, a daughter, Charlotte Francesca Louise, a sister for Alexander and Victoria.

SCOULAR - On January 4th 1994, to Gillie (née Bryson) and Christopher, three daughters, Madeleine, Isabel and Zoe.

BIRTHS

SIMPSON - On January 30th 1994, to John and Maureen (née O'Driscoll), a dear daughter, Siobhan Ann, a sister for Kirsten.

TOMPKINS - Molly McElroy at The Portland Hospital, on January 30th, to Maureen Madion and Timothy. Proud grandparents are George and Ruth, Carl and Diane.

WALKER - On 14th January 1994, to Ewart and Pauline (née Sherriffe), a son, Ewart Louis, a grandson for Ewan C Walker and George and Doreen Sherriffe.

DEATHS

BEAZLEY - On Wednesday February 2nd, peacefully after a short illness at Murrayfield Hospital, Wirral, Cynthia, Beloved wife of the late Derek and dearly loved mother of Rupert and Toby. Private family service at Landican Crematorium on Thursday February 10th at 11.30 am followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at 12 noon at St Peter's Church, Heswall, Wirral. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Clatterbridge Centre for Oncology (Fund 701), Bebington, Wirral L63 4JY.

BIDDULPH - On February 2nd 1994, peacefully in a nursing home at Farnham, Surrey, following a long illness, Michael, in his 81st year. Loving husband of Margery, father of Anne, Desmond, Sean, Judith, Micky, Jessica and John. A much loved grandfather. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium, tomorrow, Saturday February 5th at 10am. No flowers by request. Donations to Council for Protection of Rural England c/o Thorne-Leggett, Peterfield Road, Whitehill, Bordon, GU35 9AR.

BRACEBRIDGE-HALL - Gerrard on February 1st 1994 at Deal Hospital. Cremation at Barham Crematorium on Friday 11th February at 11 am. Donations to Help the Aged.

BUSSE - On 1st February, peacefully at home in her 94th year Dagmar Louise, an affectionate aunt and a much loved friend. The funeral which has taken place was private at her request.

DEATHS

CAMPBELL - On February 3rd, peacefully while asleep, Barbara Noel. Devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at 11 am on Wednesday February 9th at Putney Vale Crematorium, SW15. Flowers and enquiries to W.S. Bond, 127 Fulham Palace Road, W6, tel: (081) 748-3185.

COPLESTON - On 3rd February, peacefully in St Thomas's Hospital, aged 86, Frederick Charles Copleston CBE, priest of the Society of Jesus, first Principal of Heythrop College, London, and Emeritus Professor of the History of Philosophy in the University of London. Requiem Mass at Farm Street Church, London W1, at 11am on Saturday 12th February 1994, followed by interment at St Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Green.

FLETCHER - Harold Littledale. Suddenly at home in Canada. Beloved husband of Mary and brother of Neil and Edith.

GELLATLY - On Monday 31st January 1994 as a result of a tragic accident, John Scott of Hitchin, formerly Edinburgh. A much loved and loving husband of Vi and beloved father of Mandy, Paula, Joanna and Jonathan and much loved son, brother, brother-in-law, son-in-law, uncle, cousin and nephew. Much respected Director of A.M. International for 15 years. Deeply mourned by all the family. Service in Inverness Church, Musselburgh, on Monday 7th February 1994 at 2.30 pm thereafter to Inverness Cemetery at 3 pm to which all family and friends are invited. Floral tributes may be sent to Falconer & McLeod, 2 Meadowbank Terrace, Edinburgh. All family enquiries to (0875) 811100.

HOBSON - On February 1st 1994, John Waller Hobson, CBE, FRSA, FIPA, aged 84 of Thurlestone, South Devon. Dearly loved and loving husband of Barbara Jane and father of Nicholas, Timothy, Belinda and Jonathan and a dear grandfather. Family flowers only. Funeral Service at Thurlestone Church on Friday 11th February at 2.30 followed by cremation.

DEATHS

McBRULLEN - On 2nd February after a long illness most bravely fought, Gillian, wife of the late Colin, mother of Heather and of the late John and Mike, grandmother of Camilla, Helen, Joanna and Charles, and great-grandmother of Georgina, Lucy and Jack. Very much loved by all her family. Private cremation, family flowers only. Service of Thanksgiving Friday 4th March at St Nicholas Parish Church, Brockenhurst at 3pm.

PREECE - On February 2nd, Gretta (née Patterson) of Jersey (previously of Trentham, Staffordshire), wife of the late James Preece and dearly loved by her children Michael, Patrick and Rosemary and all her grandchildren.

RICE - On 1st February, peacefully, Doris Ivy (née Slater), aged 90 years, dearly loved wife of the late Dr. Raymond Rice and mother of Noel, John and Philip. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Wroxham, Norfolk, on Wednesday February 9th at 12 noon followed by cremation at St Faith's Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations in lieu for the Bible Society may be sent c/o Broadland Funeral Services, 98 Norwich Road, Wroxham, Norfolk, NR12 8TG.

STEINER - Joyce Annie on February 2nd 1994. Peacefully after a tremendous fight against Parkinson's disease. For over fifty-four years loved wife of Frank and mother of Jill, Mary and Catherine, grandmother and great-grandmother. Service of Thanksgiving at St James's Church, Gerrards Cross, on Monday February 14th at 12.30 pm, after a private cremation. Donations if desired to the Parkinson's Disease Society, 22 Upper Woburn Place, WC1H ORA.

STIMPSON - Peacefully on February 1st, Myles Vernon Bland aged 68 years. Dearly loved husband of Margaret, loved father of Anna and stepfather of Susan. Funeral Service at Christchurch, Eaton, Norwich, on Wednesday February 9th at 2 pm, followed by private interment. Family flowers only, donations to Cancer Research may be sent c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich, NR2 2PE.

DEATHS

STOLZER-CHEYNE - Lajos, on Monday 31st January, peacefully at home. Beloved husband of Kathleen, darling daddy of Alexandra and Georgina and loving grandfather of Francesca. Funeral Service at St Margaret's, Chipstead, Surrey, 11.30 am Thursday February 10th followed by private cremation. Flowers to Trudove, 55 Chipstead Valley Road, Coulsdon, Surrey, or donations to Mental Health Foundation or Alzheimers Society.

THRING - On January 31st, Walter (Wake) Leonard Howard of Lingfield, in his 94th year, husband of the late Elizabeth Mary Anne. Greatly missed by his sons John and his wife Dianne, and Edward, and by his grandchildren Victoria, Arabella and Henrietta. No flowers but donations may be sent to St Peter and St Paul Church Trust, c/o Rev. E. Plaxton, The Vicarage, Vicarage Road, Lingfield, Surrey.

TURNBULL - On February 2nd 1994, Prue, peacefully at home. Very dear wife of David, mother of Neil, Catherine and Susan and grandmother of Benedict and Oliver. Private family funeral. No flowers, donations if desired to Cancer Research. Thanksgiving Service to be announced.

WOODSIDE - Peacefully following a long illness at The Royal Victoria Hospital, Edinburgh, on January 29th 1994, Mrs Moya Woodside.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BARBIER - A Memorial Service for Mrs Marjorie Barbier, formerly Headteacher of Burdett Coutts School, will be held at St Stephen's Church, Rochester Row, SW1, at 2pm on Friday 11th February.

STEWART - A service to celebrate the life of Alastair James Corbett Stewart will be held at 12 noon on Tuesday 8th March 1994 at St Michael's Parish Church, Cornhill, London EC3.

TROUGHTON - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Robin Troughton, former senior partner of Holman, Fenwick & Willan and Examiner in Admiralty, who died on 9th January, will be held in All Hallows by the Tower, Byward Street, London EC3, on Monday 14th February 1994 at 5 pm.

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OBITUARIES

PROFESSOR FREDERICK COPLESTON, SJ

Father Frederick Copleston, CBE, former Professor of the History of Philosophy in the University of London and Jesuit priest, died on February 3 aged 86. He was born on April 10, 1907.



SUCH are the vagaries both of publishing and of academic fashion that the reputation of Frederick Copleston as an historian of philosophy is today better known to students in the United States than it is in this country.

The massive series of nine volumes — ten if *Philosophy in Russia from Herzen to Lenin and Berdyaev* be included (as it ought to have been but was not) — have already in America been paperbacked and most volumes divided into two, making them more accessible to, and purchasable by, undergraduate students of philosophy. They remain much in demand as the best all-round history of philosophical thinking from the pre-Socratics to Sartre — written, for the most part, with an enviable detachment and close reading of the texts.

"For the most part" because there was in the first volume, *Greece and Rome* published in 1946, a particular point of view which he afterwards abandoned. At the onset of the Second World War his religious superiors rejected his plea to be allowed to serve as a chaplain to the forces. Instead Copleston found himself teaching ancient and medieval philosophy to second year students at the Jesuit college then located at Heythrop in Oxfordshire, and modern philosophy to those in the third year. His dissatisfation with the textbooks available inspired him with the idea of producing a three-volume coverage.

As he explains in the introduction to the first volume, he intended to demonstrate that the *philosophia perennis*, which scholastic philosophers believed encapsulated within their own system, had not suddenly arisen in the Middle Ages, but had roots in the ancients and was still to be found in the moderns. By volume II, *Augustine to Scotus*, published four years later, that paradigm had been abandoned.

The History gathered strength as it went along, always with the same admirable impartiality. Although Copleston had little personal sympathy with some of those whose views he recorded, this seldom shows in the text. Students who attended his lectures, however, more readily picked up his own likes and dislikes, prominent among the latter being the philosophical writings of Sartre. When last year he came to publish his *memoirs, as an example of a* philosopher whose views he found congenial he chose Karl Jaspers. It was always extremely difficult to persuade Copleston to venture a statement of his own philosphical position. To launch the *Heythrop Journal* as an academic quarterly devoted to philosophy and theology, its first editor prevailed upon him to write a series of articles under the general title of "Man and Metaphysics". Insofar as a personal philosophical standpoint may be discerned in them, it is probably that of Maurice Blondel.

Frederick Charles Copleston's family was firmly Anglican, in a somewhat Evangelical tradition. His father had two brothers who were bishops and a third who was a country parson. Copleston's conversion to Roman Catholicism when he was at Marlborough — and for which he was expelled — deeply upset his father though he did not, as Copleston had half-expected, cut him off but supported him through his degree in Greats at St John's, Oxford. The degree, a third in Mods and a second in Greats, was not as distinguished as his subsequent career might have suggested. In later life Copleston was somewhat guilty about his showing, and clearly felt that he had let his father down.

His interest in philosophy, particularly the philosphy of Hegel, developed during his final year at Oxford and helped him towards his better result in Greats than in Mods. Given his family background, it had always been expected he would be ordained and he never seriously considered any other career than that of a priest. He spent a year training for the diocesan clergy before joining the Society of Jesus in 1930. Ordination followed swiftly — at least for a Jesuit — in 1937, and after another year of theology he went to Germany for his final year of Jesuit training known as the Tertianship.

He arrived in Germany during the Czech crisis and left, rather hurriedly and with considerable relief, on the eve of the Second World War. His experiences in the course of that year left him with an abiding hatred of totalitarianism, but also aroused an interest in Nietzsche, who, in 1942, was the subject of Copleston's first book. Nietzsche led on to a study of *Arthur Schopenhauer, Philosopher of Pessimism*, published in 1946 just before the first volume of his History.

Most of Copleston's teaching was at Heythrop, though from 1952 to 1968 he spent part of each year in Rome, lecturing at the Gregorian University. He was much in demand for lecture series around the world, and he usually accepted such invitations with alacrity. He enjoyed travel, and the hospitality he received *en route*. He regularly visited the United States, and had particularly fond memories of the University of Santa Clara and of the University of Hawaii at Honolulu. While spending a semester at the latter institution in 1976 he developed an interest in Eastern philosophy which led to *Philosophies and Cultures* (1980) and his Gifford Lectures, *Religion and the One* (1982).

By that time he had retired from teaching in England. In 1970 Heythrop College moved from Oxfordshire to become a constituent college of the University of London, with Freddy Copleston, its most distinguished member of staff, as the college's founding principal. For the first time he had the benefit of a secretary and rather more leisure than before. He learnt Russian, and visited Russia before tourism became common, though he was amused to run into an old friend, and fellow Jesuit, on a bridge over the Moskva River.

In 1972 he was appointed Professor of the History of Philosophy in the University of London. He retired in 1974 from his post of principal, and made his base either at Campion Hall, Oxford, or at the Jesuit headquarters in Mayfair. He was a fellow of the British Academy, and was appointed CBE in 1993, which pleased him greatly.

He had a strong, though a rather self-deprecating, sense of humour and, despite the dry neutrality of tone in his History, he was able to instil into many generations of students a keen interest in philosophy, above all in that of the German idealists.

BAHJAT TALHOUNI

Bahjat Talhouni, former Prime Minister of Jordan, died on January 30 aged about 82. He was born in Tafileh in the Ma'an district of what was then Transjordan, 130 miles south of Amman.



BAHJAT TALHOUNI was one of King Husain of Jordan's most trusted advisers and served as his Prime Minister eight times in the turbulent period between 1956 and 1970. It was a time when the young Jordanian monarch's hold on power was threatened by conspirators and by the challenge to his authority from the Palestinian *fedayeen* who had been displaced west of the Jordan river by the Israelis. Talhouni stayed loyally at the king's side during a failed coup attempt in 1957 and took over as Prime Minister after the assassination of his predecessor, Hazza Majali, in 1960.

Bahjat Talhouni was born into a notable Transjordanian family and, after studying law in Damascus, returned to Transjordan where he served in various legal posts before becoming president of the Court of Appeal. In 1953 he became Minister of the Interior in Fauzi Mulki's government and, the following year, was appointed by King Husain to be head of the Royal Diwan (secretariat). In this exacting post, which he filled for the next six years, he gained the king's full confidence and an experience of interpreting his wishes which was to serve him in good stead.

In 1957, in the wake of the Suez crisis, a left-wing government had been elected in Jordan headed by a West Bank lawyer, Suleiman Naboulsi, who made no secret of his pro-Communist leanings and — in defiance of the king — sought to open diplomatic relations with Moscow and Peking. King Husain was convinced that Naboulsi, working in collusion with President Nasser of Egypt and the Syrians, was actively plotting against him.

It was Talhouni's role as Court Minister — the chief royal advisor — that brought matters to a head. Naboulsi, without consulting the king, ordered Talhouni's retirement as Court Minister. The following day King Husain responded by sending Talhouni to demand the government's resignation. Naboulsi's reluctant resignation was followed by rioting in the main towns and an army mutiny. With the chief of the general staff compromised, it was Talhouni who summoned a car to take the king to Zerqa, Jordan's principal military base ten miles from the capital where, by appearing in person, the king was able to win back the loyalty of his troops and so save his throne.

Three years later, when a time-bomb explosion killed Hazza Majali, the then Prime Minister, and ten others who were him in his office causing devastation to the government, the king again turned to Talhouni, this time appointing him Prime Minister. With the country threatened by internal dissension (and the Syrian government accused of sheltering the perpetrators of the bomb attack), Talhouni was called upon by the king to form a "neutral" government and succeeded in doing so.

As Prime Minister he was as self-effacing as he had been in the palace, and although personally respected he was criticised for lack of decision and of firmness in dealing with his ministerial colleagues, many of whom were regarded as falling below accepted standards of efficiency and rectitude. After 18 months, during which the administration fell more and more into disrepute, the king intervened and made a clean sweep of his ministry.

Bahjat Talhouni was out of office for a year, but in 1963 was reappointed to his former post of head of the Royal Diwan, and in 1964 was chosen by the king to supersede Wasfi Tel as Prime Minister, allegedly in order to facilitate a *rapprochement* with Egypt which the king, at that time, thought expedient. Talhouni remained in office for another year, but in 1965 was asked to make way for the return of Wasfi Tel and again retired into private life.

In June 1967, at a time of confusion following Jordan's defeat at the hands of Israel in the Six Day War, he was appointed a "personal representative" of King Husain, with ill-defined duties, and in October of the same year again became Prime Minister, an office which he held until March 1969. He then reverted for a brief spell to the post of chief of the Royal Diwan, but in August was reappointed Prime Minister. In July 1970, however, he was dismissed, probably for having shown himself unwilling to take a firm enough line with the Palestinian guerrilla organisations, whose activities and pretensions were sapping the king's authority and threatening to disrupt the kingdom.

As a personality Bahjat Talhouni was likeable and sincere, if somewhat colourless. He was a convinced supporter of the British connection for Jordan and co-operated well with British representatives throughout his career.

At the time of his death Talhouni was a member of the Upper House of Parliament appointed by King Husain.

VICTOR RONA

Victor Rona, ballet dancer and teacher, died of an Aids-related illness in Budapest on January 15 aged 57. He was born on August 17, 1936.



Victor Rona with Adél Orosz in *Sleeping Beauty*

VICTOR RONA first became known to British audiences when he stood in for the injured Rudolf Nureyev partnering Margot Fonteyn at Drury Lane in December 1962 for her annual gala to benefit the Royal Academy of Dancing. He taught her the showpiece *pas de deux* from the Soviet ballet *Gayaneh*, with choreography by Nina Anisimova to Khachaturian's music, and they enjoyed a popular success dancing it together. A big, strong, handsome man, Rona was not a great virtuoso but performed with enthusiasm and charm.

He was back in Britain the following year for the debut of his regular company, the Hungarian State Ballet, at the Edinburgh Festival, when he danced a variety of roles, including an impressive appearance in the title part of *The Miraculous Mandarin*. When that company returned to Edinburgh ten years later for the 1973 festival, Rona played the title part in another famous work, *Spartacus*. Laszlo Seregi's production of this, created in a Budapest still under Russian control, inevitably took a more bitter view of its historical subject — the defeat of a slaves' revolt — than Yuri Grigorovich's triumphalist Moscow staging, but it still afforded a big heroic role for Rona

A sickly boy as a young pupil at the State Ballet Institute in Budapest, by the age of 14 Rona had developed to the point of being picked to dance the classical *pas de trois* in Vainonen's *Nutcracker*, newly mounted at the Budapest opera, and the drummer boy in Vainonen's ballet about the French Revolution, *The Flames of Paris*.

After graduating he became a member of the State Ballet and was soon a soloist, later being sent for further advanced coaching at the Vaganova School in Leningrad, where he met and became friendly with Nureyev.

In Budapest Rona danced all the big classics, his ability and helpfulness as a partner making him much liked by his ballerinas. There were many of these, including guest stars. But the Hungarian dancer with whom he most often appeared was his contemporary Adél Orosz, notably in such standard works as *Sleeping Beauty*. Roles created for him included the manipulative ballet master who plays Orion in Seregi's ingenious treatment of Delibes's *Sylvia*. He also danced Colas in Ashton's *La Fille mal gardée*, Mercutio in Lavrovsky's *Romeo and Juliet* and Frondoso in Chabukiani's *Laurencia*, besides the title part in Bartok's *Wooden Prince* and Palemon in Imre Eck's *Ondine*.

Even at that time Hungarian performers had more freedom to travel than those from other Eastern bloc countries. Rona soon began working regularly abroad, notably in Orlikowski's elaborate Paris production of the Prokofiev *Cinderella*, where he partnered Galina Samsova, and from 1974 regularly as guest star with the Norwegian National Ballet; his 1975 staging of *Nutcracker* for them was repeatedly revived.

Rona began teaching while still active as a dancer, at Rosella Hightower's school in Cannes among others, and in 1980 Hightower, then ballet director at the Palace Opera, invited him there as ballet master. He moved with her in 1983 to La Scala, Milan, and since 1988 was busy as a teacher and producer all over the world, his most frequent assignments being in Tokyo, Helsinki, Oslo and Bonn.

He appeared in films and on television, often as a dancer but also acting in a film called *Ties*.

PROFESSOR ALAN LENDRUM

Alan Lendrum, Professor of Pathology at the University of St Andrews, 1947-67, and at Dundee, 1967-72, died on January 2 aged 87. He was born on November 3, 1906.

ALAN LENDRUM belonged to that great school of pathology created in Glasgow between the two world wars by Sir Robert Muir and he was Muir's last assistant. He was a son of the manse, his father being the Rev Robert Alexander Lendrum of Glasgow.

Alan Chalmers Lendrum was educated first at Glasgow High School, then at Ardrossan Academy, before graduating in medicine at the University of Glasgow, where he started his distinguished career in pathology as a lecturer in 1933. He began at once to develop the immaculate staining techniques for examining pathological specimens that became his major contribution to pathology.

Many recall his demonstrations at the Pathological Society which were both brilliant and unequalled in their meticulous preparation. In 1947 he was delighted to be invited to Dundee as Professor of Pathology in the University of St Andrews, under whose ancient aegis university teaching in Dundee was then conducted.

Although a friend of the powerful Principal of St Andrews University, Sir James Irvine, Lendrum was one of those in Dundee who strongly supported the split from St Andrews in 1967, when the University of Dundee was founded and thereafter he was an ardent member of the new university until his retirement in 1972.

He did not always agree with what his colleagues and influential members of the University Grants Committee wanted, and he did not think that the foundation of the new teaching hospital at Ninewells, on the outskirts of the city rather than at its centre, was to the benefit of the citizens of Dundee.

In the old tradition of Scottish teaching Lendrum taught the entire subject of pathology, lecturing virtually every day for the three university terms and rarely deputing his duties to his assistants. His lectures were invariably witty and entertaining, as well as containing gems of clinical and pathological knowledge.



Unlike his old chief, Sir Robert Muir, he built up no personal school of pathology. His major and lasting achievement was to instil into a whole generation of medical students, many of whom achieved distinction in their chosen specialities, the vital importance of pathology.

It was natural that he became in 1962 a foundation fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists but he played little part in national medical politics. The one group that enjoyed his unstinting support was the Institute of Medical and Laboratory Technicians, whose members, as he recognised, were vital to the development of his work as a pathologist.

He had a great appreciation of classical music and was himself a talented musician. Also an artist of considerable ability, he was for many years a member of the Dundee Art Society and he took great pride in his chairmanship of the governors of the Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art in Dundee which he held from 1975 to 1977. Photography was another of his interests and he recorded portraits of all his students.

Never self-indulgent, he possessed a streak of self-denial and austerity which no doubt owed much of his lifelong membership of the Church of Scotland. For 40 years he was an elder of the Kirk and he sang in the choir of the High Kirk in Dundee. His honours included a visiting professorship at Yale in 1960 and in 1973 he gave the prestigious Kettle Memorial Lecture of the Royal College of Pathologists.

His first wife, whom he married in 1934, was Elizabeth Bertram, by whom he had two sons, both doctors, and one daughter. After her death in 1983 he married Dr Ann Brougham Sandison, with whom he lived in great contentment in his retirement in Gawthrop in the lovely valley of Dent in Cumbria.

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ART EXHIBITIONS.

ILLUSTRATIONS OF COL. LAWRENCE'S BOOK.

Mystery is always attractive, but mystification is apt to leave many of us cold, and the story of Colonel T. E. Lawrence's "Seven Pillars of Wisdom" and its forthcoming abridgment may well be left with a memory of the child's innocent retort to Tennyson when he said that he did not like being stared at—"Then why do you wear a purple cloak?" This, however, does not affect the interest of the exhibition of paintings, pastels, drawings, and woodcuts illustrating the book at the Leicester Galleries. As Mr. Bernard Shaw says in his preface to the catalogue, "the circumstances of the present exhibition are so extraordinary" that there is some risk of its being regarded as having only circumstantial interest, whereas—though it is rather heavily loaded with literature—it presents the work of several capable artists.

The exhibition consists of portraits of personages connected with the Arabian campaign and imaginative illustrations of its incidents. Colonel Lawrence is certainly to be congratulated upon his team of artists—Mr. Eric Kennington, Mr. Augustus John, Mr. Henry Lamb, Mr. Paul Nash, Mr. William Roberts, Mr Colin Gill, Mr. Blair Hughes-Stanton, and Mr. Cosmo Clark. Mr. Kennington's pastel portraits of Arabs have been shown before, and it will be enough here to speak of their incisive character, beauty of colour, and interest of workmanship. Instead of a collection of "Natives" Mr. Kennington has given us a gallery of distinct personalities, "deep and sharp renderings of all that Western Arabians are," in Colonel Lawrence's own apt description. Nor do such portraits as those of "Sir Ronald Storrs," by the late Mr. Sargent, and "H.M. King Feysal of Irak," by Mr. Augustus John—though the last shows the artist at his best, because most interested—afford much matter for discussion. The pencil portraits, such as that of "Colonel Sir A. Henry McMahon, G.C.M.G.," by Mr. William Roberts, are specially welcome not only for the close delineation of character in them but because they throw light on the foundations of an artist whose more abstract performances are often mistaken for the shirking of difficulties. On the whole, Mr. Roberts is the hero of the exhibition. Mr. Kennington's illustrations are clever and imaginative—"Dysentery" is a good example—but they are too often in the nature of family jokes for the detached observer. Certainly there is nothing in them that rises to the intensity of "The Khamsin"—"the dread simoon"—three demon's heads, by Mr. Roberts, and "Luxury," "A Jolly Evening," and "Mucking In," by the same artist, bring home the circumstances with a perfect adaptation of means to end, while his "Camel March" is flatly a work of genius. Mr. Paul Nash's abstract treatment of desert landscape seems right for the purpose, and a good example of less concentrated illustration is Mr. Cosmo Clark's study of excited backs. 'At a well."

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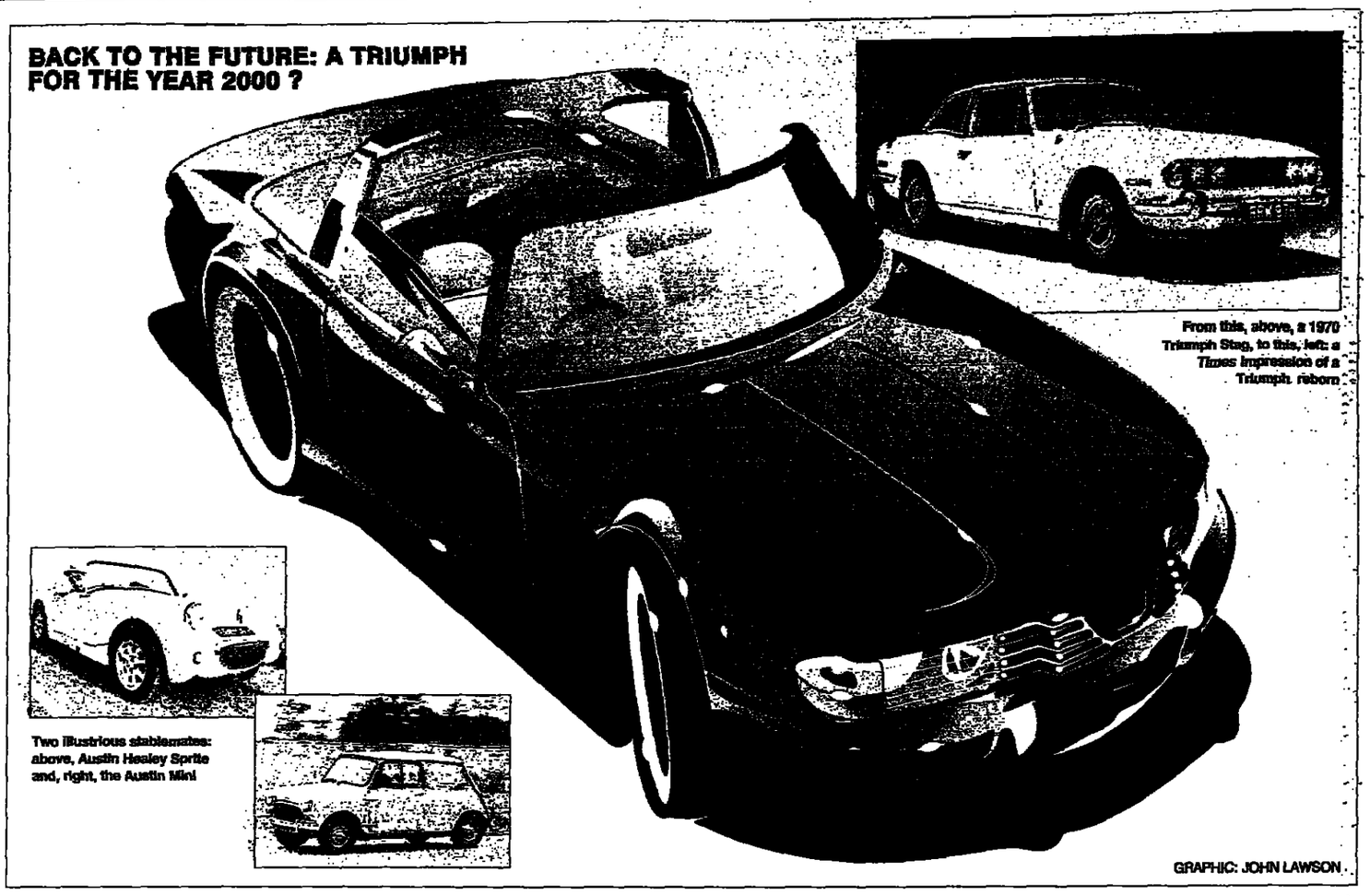
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Among the distinguished artists who contributed their work to Lawrence of Arabia's remarkable book Seven Pillars of Wisdom were Eric Kennington, Augustus John, Paul Nash and Williams Roberts.

MOTORING

Will our history repeat itself?

The German who has led the BMW takeover of Rover is a lifelong enthusiast for British cars. Now, says Kevin Eason, our most famous marques may live again



Beautiful but often bone-shaking, they won the hearts of millions of car drivers. And soon the distinctive styles of some of Britain's most famous old marques could be back, this time sporting the latest technology to impress a new generation of car buyers.

Riley, Austin, Triumph and MG are all on a list drawn up by BMW executives which will plunder the world's richest motoring heritage.

That could mean a Triumph Stag for the year 2000. Not a model like the close-to-hopeless 25,877 vehicles made by the British Leyland Motor Corporation which looked terrific but were as reliable as a British Rail train on autumn leaves. And not much like the cars which had million-dollar looks but which threatened to shatter a few spines with their bone-shaking rides and Spartan interiors.

The deal, in which British Aerospace hands over Rover to BMW for £800 million, could put the British car maker on its most exciting road if the new German bosses live up to the rhetoric of the past week. New cars and old names are an intoxicating mix for buyers tired of the Euro-Japanese formula which has dominated motoring for the past decade.

To see badges such as Austin, Triumph, MG and even Riley or Wolseley revived would open up new choice for a generation of buyers virtually imprisoned by the Big Six of Europe — Ford, Vauxhall, Fiat, Renault, Peugeot-Citroën, Volkswagen — and the Big Three from Japan — Toyota, Honda and Nissan.

Providing the market for cars revives in Europe, there is a good chance Rover will be able to design and build some of the most exciting models of the late 1990s and into the next millennium.

Back could come:

☐ The Austin Mini. After 35 years in production this year, a new version for the new century could use electric engines already being developed and tested by BMW.

☐ The Austin Healey, a tiny sports car vying with MG for attention, particularly in export markets.

☐ The Triumph Stag, a glorious grand tourer with long, languid looks and power to match.

Those three models are only the first which car enthusiasts speculate will be revived by BMW as it looks to inject some glamour into a European car industry which may be worthy but is too often appallingly dull.

Rover's revival has been engineered by Honda, which effectively provided the basic design for a stream of cars dating back to the Honda Ballade-based Triumph Acclaim of the early 1980s. Rover's genius has been in making cars which had a genuinely different character to their Japanese counterparts.

But there have been no outstanding cars, no models which dropped jaws. Instead, it took a German to remind us of the wealth of marques which we have abandoned over the past three decades and which had the sort of styling which simply stopped people in their tracks.

Bernd Pischetsrieder may be chairman of BMW, which suggests he is the ultimate pragmatist, but there is evidently lots of romance in his soul — and he is a British car "nut".

Much of the talk this week was about BMW's takeover of Rover, but the BMW chairman brought a whimsical eye to the highly-charged proceedings. While journalists demanded answers on jobs, investment and profits, Herr Pischetsrieder was happier when asked about his favourite Riley or whether Austin Healey could be revived.

If there was one reassurance for those concerned for the future of Rover, it was that the chairman of BMW has deep connections with the British motor industry which stretch back to his family and his childhood.

Born in Munich in 1948, Herr Pischetsrieder received Germany's classic engineering training, studying mechanical engineering at Munich Technical University from 1968 to 1972 before joining BMW as a production planning engineer in 1973.

From 1975 to 1977, he was head of BMW's operations control department in Munich and then headed the work preparation division at BMW's Dingolfing factory from 1978-81.

Yet none of that compared with a seminal experience at the age of 11, when he was walked around the huge Longbridge factory at Birmingham by his uncle, Sir Alec Issigonis, who was proudly showing off the Austin Minis that he had designed and created rolling off the assembly lines.

If the Mini left a deep impression as one of the most innovative cars of the century, Longbridge was best forgotten in its later days as a strike-ridden, inefficient shed. Herr Pischetsrieder, however, took to heart famous names which once were familiar sights on the streets of Britain: Wolseley, Riley, Austin, Morris, Standard, Triumph, MG, Hillman, Singer ... the list seemed endless.

Now in the glum 1990s, with not a single British-owned mass manufacturer of motor vehicles left after the BMW takeover, Herr Pischetsrieder reminds himself of the great names of the past by reading *Classic Cars*, a monthly magazine produced in London and posted to his home on subscription.

Classic Cars has its own Rover historian and regularly features famous old Rover marques for the benefit of its 85,000 British readers and the 30,000 overseas enthusiasts.

But which of the classic marques should the new head of Rover bring back from the grave to live alongside the company's mainstream models? Rover is already reviving MG, with plans for a new small sports car for the 1990s.

Beyond that, the company's executives may not want a return to the plethora of marques it inherited from the ill-fated British Leyland empire.

While Malcolm McKay, the deputy editor of *Classic Cars*, will communicate the hopes and fears of British enthusiasts in next month's issue, he says: "It is an enormous responsibility and we do not want to alienate such an important and enthusiastic reader. But we have plenty of advice for him and we are delighted that he wants to reinstate some of the heritage of the British motor industry.

"The market for small sports cars, the sort which we used to make in the UK such as the Austin Healey Sprite, the MG Midget and the Triumph Spitfire is wide open. Models like the Triumph Stag and the other Triumph TR ranges still have tremendous following.

"The frog-eyed Sprite was only 948cc but was terrific fun for drivers who wanted a weekend car. The trouble was that manufacturers tried to make two-seaters more and more powerful to compete with hot hatchbacks," Mr McKay says.

"The result was that they could not compete and they became too expensive to insure and died out, allowing the Japanese to fill that slot. They were for fun and not power, and British models could and should make a comeback."

Far from being rationalised and slimmed down to a pathetic rump of an overbearing German parent, Rover has the chance to diversify its present range and become a glamorous as well as competent car maker.

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Vaughan Freeman analyses a disturbing health threat on our roads

A black report may end the rush for 'green' vehicles

Tim Brown is among thousands of diesel car motorists left this week with a tricky driving and ethical problem after a report roundly condemned the fuel of his choice as a "health menace".

It was hardly the assessment that manufacturers, who have been heavily touting their diesel-engined vehicles, or the motorists who have been flocking to buy them, wanted to hear. It is a particularly awkward dilemma for Mr Brown: he is a campaigner for clean air.

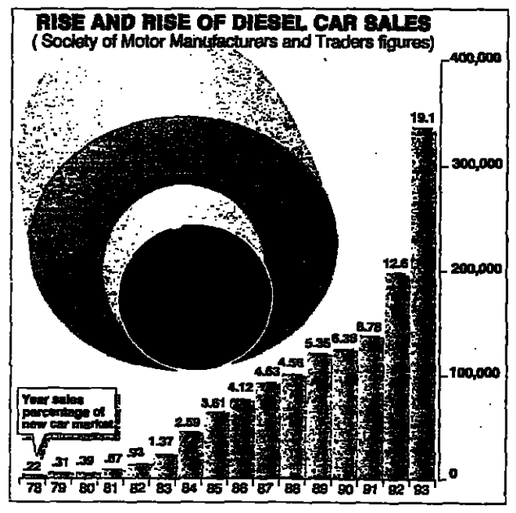
Many drivers, like Mr Brown, who is information officer for the National Society for Clean Air (NSCA), and who drives a diesel-engined Citroën, opted for diesel precisely because of the fuel's widely promoted "green" credentials.

So why has the Quality of Urban Air Review Group, commissioned by the Department of the Environment, now raised the alarm by deciding that fumes from diesel — seen by many as the environmentally sound alternative to petrol — are linked with breathing difficulties, cancer and heart attacks, pollution and global warming?

The thought of diesel as green might seem bizarre to any pedestrian or cyclist who has choked and wheezed through the clouds of black smoke billowing from the exhausts of poorly maintained trucks and buses.

In fact, diesel cars are seen as environmentally sound largely because they produce less carbon dioxide (linked to global warming) than petrol cars. They also use less fuel per mile and, compared with a petrol car without a catalytic converter (which scrubs out about 90 per cent of noxious fumes), they emit fewer hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides, which contribute to smog.

This green argument, helped by diesels being on average 30 per cent more economical at the pump, convinced 340,472 motorists to buy a diesel car last year, almost one-fifth of all new cars bought and a 1,400 per cent increase on the number sold in Britain ten years ago.



The report pulls no punches in its analysis of the impact of diesel fumes. It declares: "The impact of diesel vehicles on urban air quality is a serious one. Any increase in the proportion of diesel vehicles on our urban streets is to be viewed with considerable concern unless problems of particulate matter, and nitrogen oxides emissions, are effectively addressed." The report found "heavy-duty vehicles currently responsible for the major proportion of urban diesel emissions" and warned: "Projections of future emissions ... indicate that an increased market penetration of diesel cars at the expense of three-way catalyst petrol cars will have a deleterious effect on urban air quality."

> 'A poor diesel pumps out soot'

Mr Brown says: "It is wrong to say that diesels are a particular problem. I drive a Citroën AX14 diesel because it is the most fuel-efficient car I can buy. It is very small, and very efficient, and I think the distinction has to be made not between diesel cars and catalyst-fitted petrol cars, but between small, efficient cars and large gas guzzlers, and also between cars which are well-tuned and those which are poorly maintained."

Both sides in the debate concede that most pollution comes from older vehicles, often badly maintained, and the NSCA is among those calling for tougher policing of the polluters. A poorly-maintained diesel will pump out black soot. Equally a "clean" petrol car pollutes unnoticed if the catalyst is damaged.

The report, according to experts, also does not pay enough attention to forthcoming solutions to the dirty diesel problem. Rob Searles, of Johnson Matthey, the world's largest supplier of catalysts to motor manufacturers, says: "In towns and cities the emissions from diesel lorries, buses and cars, are a considerable nuisance and health hazard."

However, he adds: "The technology is already available to reduce effectively particulate emissions from diesel vehicles, but it is not being sufficiently well used. Everyone is familiar with the smoke, or particulates, and unpleasant odour emitted by diesel vehicles, especially if they are not well maintained. Yet there is much that can be done to control diesel emissions. An oxidation catalyst and filter system will act together to reduce emissions of carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons and particulates by up to 90per cent."

Unfortunately, such catalysts and filters, very similar to those which by law must now be fitted to new petrol-engined cars, cost money, which manufacturers are ill-prepared to charge, and which drivers would be reluctant to pay. So it is up to the legislators to enforce rules that will make car builders clean up their diesels, just as they have done, very successfully, with petrol models.

Two cars might prove the answer. The RAC's Dr Jeremy Vanke takes a balanced view: "Diesel engines burn less fuel than petrol engines and so produce less carbon dioxide. On the other hand, they are associated with relatively high levels of oxides of nitrogen. But, technological developments mean the problem is well on the way to being solved — making diesel a very attractive option.

"At the other extreme, the catalyst-equipped petrol engine produces few localised pollutants, but is not as fuel efficient and therefore emits markedly higher levels of carbon dioxide. But catalysts fitted to petrol cars do not operate properly when cold, so urban drivers wanting to minimise pollutants should also opt for diesel.

"It is a fine balance. From the RAC's point of view the basic rule is for urban driving with a warm engine — commuting — choose a catalyst-equipped petrol car. For stop-start driving or long distances on motorways, choose a diesel."

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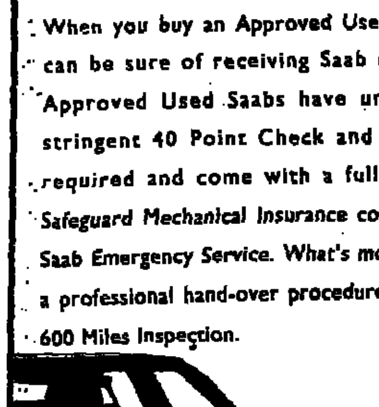
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NEWS

Pay rises prompt job loss fears

■ Inflation-beating pay rises of up to 3 per cent for 1.4 million public sector workers including teachers, nurses, doctors and top civil servants were announced by the Government.

But the news instantly prompted fears among Labour MPs and union leaders that the rises could mean job losses and service cuts, since the Prime Minister has insisted that the £900 million cost must be met from existing budgets through greater efficiency or reduced running costs..... **Pages 1, 7**

Howard clashes with Princess Royal

■ Michael Howard, Home Secretary, appeared to clash with the Princess Royal when he suggested that children from broken homes were more likely to become criminals while the princess, speaking at the same London conference, hit out at those who "scapegoated particular families"..... **Pages 1, 5**

Corruption enquiry

Scotland Yard faces the most serious corruption allegations for 20 years after the Police Complaints Authority passed to prosecution lawyers a dossier naming 45 London officers ..... **Pages 1, 3**

Serb climbdown

The British general commanding UN troops in Bosnia forced a rapid climbdown by the Serbs when he threatened to use armoured vehicles at a blocked checkpoint..... **Pages 1, 11.**

Bulgers spurned

Michael Howard has refused to meet the parents of James Bulger, the murdered Merseyside toddler, for discussions about the sentence faced by his young killers..... **Pages 1, 2**

Aid and arms link

The size of a British aid package to Malaysia was specifically tied to the size of an arms deal involving Tornado aircraft, according to claims in today's issue of *The Economist*..... **Page 2**

Dublin unease

Dublin has signalled opposition to British plans to switch the Ulster spotlight on to talks with the constitutional parties..... **Page 2**

Smear blunder

About 4,000 women in London are being recalled for repeat cervical smears after it emerged that they had been "forgotten" by administrators..... **Page 6**

School abuse claim

Police have launched investigations into allegations of sexual abuse at a leading independent boarding school after the expulsion of a pupil..... **Page 8**

Heart attack risks

The risk of a heart attack could be cut by up to a half and tens of thousands of lives could be saved if the average Briton ate less fat, according to studies in 17 different countries..... **Page 8**

Paris fishing demo

A four-day French fishing strike reached a climax when some 600 Bretons staged an early morning raid on a wholesale market on the Paris outskirts..... **Page 10**

Japanese revolt

Japanese Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa was trying to stem a revolt as the largest party in his coalition threatened to walk out over a plan to double consumption tax..... **Page 12**

De Klerk manifesto

The National Party of President F.W. de Klerk launched its manifesto as the party to appeal to South African blacks as well as the moderate white electorate..... **Page 12**

Clinton setback

President Clinton suffered an unexpected setback when the leaders of America's largest corporations voted against his health care reforms..... **Page 12**

Computerphobia stalks the land

■ The fear and loathing of anything to do with computers may afflict 33 per cent of the workforce, according to two British psychologists. Women are especially vulnerable, denying themselves job opportunities because they are so reluctant to use computers. Some computerphobes will not even use hole-in-the-wall cash dispensers..... **Page 5**

TONY WHITE



Illegally imported beer and wine, seized by Customs officers at Dover, being "recycled" at a secret location yesterday. Report, page 2

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Coal: British Coal holds review meetings today expected to lead to the closure of four pits and the loss of 3,050 jobs..... **Pages 23, 25, 27**

Nuclear costs: Concern about the estimated £18 billion cost of decommissioning nuclear power plants is voiced by the Commons Public Accounts Committee..... **Page 23**

Markets: The Bundesbank's decision to leave interest rates unchanged cut short a bright start by equities and the FT-SE 100 ended the day 28.8 lower at 3,491.5. Sterling edged forward, rising .25 cents to $1.4980 and .01 pfennigs to DM2.5933..... **Page 26**

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Rugby union: Geoff Cooke, the England manager, said the team would not repeat the mistakes made when it lost to Scotland at Murrayfield in the decider of the 1990 grand slam..... **Page 44**

Golf: Ian Woosnam proved the benefits of his fitness regime by scoring 68 to share second place in the first round of the Johnnie Walker Classic in Thailand..... **Page 40**

Rugby league: As the Great Britain squad prepared for the World Sevens in Sydney, Paul Newlove, who faced disciplinary action for withdrawing, said he would not play for Great Britain again..... **Page 40**

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Portrait of the artist: The race is on to film the dramatic life and death of Jackson Pollock..... **Page 14**

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Road revival: BMW may revive famous English marques. **Page 20**

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Miller's magic: At the London Coliseum, Jonathan Miller has produced a magical new production of Richard Strauss's great Viennese opera, *Der Rosenkavalier*, which updates the action to the early 20th century..... **Page 35**

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Pop on Friday: Caitlin Moran deplores the rock press's determination to discover a "new scene" every week..... **Pages 36, 37**

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Sergei Krikalev, one of a six-man team on the space shuttle Discovery, has become the first Russian to travel in a US spacecraft
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The Princess Royal said that sending young offenders on safari trips could undermine programmes to curb crime
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Eric Elwood — "not the man behind the Irish rugby revival. He *is* the Irish revival". Simon Barnes profiles the talented newcomer
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THE TIMES TOMORROW

A hectic passage to India

■ A nine-day tour of India is a whirl of maddening noise and confusing contradictions, but the magic is irresistible

Abstaining with the smart set

■ Has Alcoholics Anonymous become the smartest club in town — or a hunting ground for the sexual predator?

It's a wrap — or is it?

■ Germans hold their breath: will their parliament give the conceptual artist Christo permission to wrap up the Reichstag in fabric? And what will it all mean?

TV AND RADIO

Actor and stand-up comic Tim Allen stars as a television DIY man with a chaotic domestic life in *Home Improvement* (Channel 4, 9.30pm), a top-rated American sitcom..... **Page 43**

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Forum for Ulster

There is a risk that the new forum will be still-born. The constitutional parties of the North have a moral and political duty to prevent this from happening..... **Page 17**

Rose of Bosnia

There has been too much talk about the Bosnian government's intransigence in refusing to accept patchwork fragments of territory which nobody dares pretend can long be viable..... **Page 17**

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NIGEL HAWKES

Chemical pollutants are being variously blamed for breast cancer, declining sperm counts and increasing incidence of malformations in the reproductive system. But there is little we can do to avoid these chemicals..... **Page 16**

PHILIP HOWARD

In the field of wordplay, the first hexagram has been registered. "Eliads", which squeaks into the OED, has five anagrams.. **Page 16**

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Father Frederick Copleston, SJ, former Professor of the History of Philosophy in the University of London; Bahjat Talhouni, eight times Prime Minister of Jordan; Alan Lendrum, former Professor of Pathology; Victor Rona, ballet dancer and teacher..... **Page 19**

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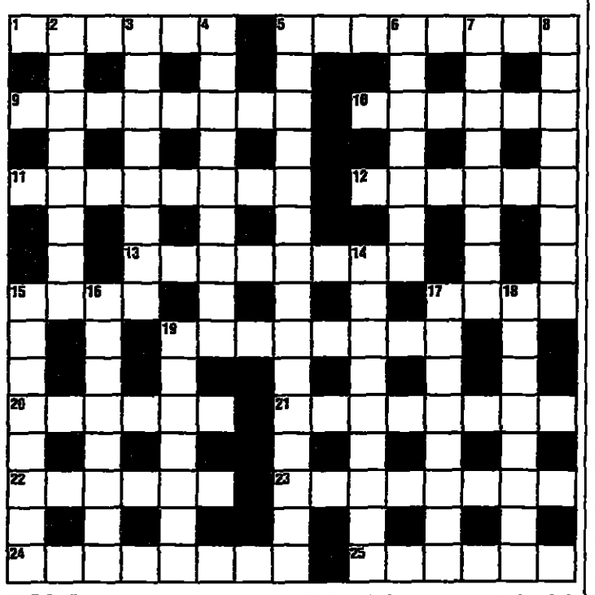
Without the participation of Adams's most intransigent Protestant opponents, hardly a spark resulted [from his visit], let alone a serious grappling with solutions to the Irish conundrum

— New York Newsday

The Balkans War, so confidently dismissed as a species of civil war, may be on the verge of becoming something worse

— Los Angeles Times

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,457



ACROSS

1 Slides of hunting parties, say (6)
5 Walks awkwardly to the mess (8)
9 Review backing river standards (8)
10 Bird to cherish in Puerto Rico (6)
11 Judge has trouble with sentence for old lag (8)
12 Breather that's part of his prey (6)
13 Holiday island gives us energy for high jinks (8)
15 Break in, being unafraid of human contact (4)
17 Son with small fiddle in satirical sketch (4)
19 Speed to centre of 10, perhaps — a large town (8)
20 "Mongst horrid shapes, and shrieks, and sights ——" (Milton) (6).
21 An idealist with no end of vision sounds barmy! (8)

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ACROSS

22 In Alaska, a woman's hooded jacket (6)
23 One irregular claiming endlessly to be hostile (8)
24 Rule enabling lecturer to accept honour in Irish capital (8)
25 Reportedly 14's compositions (6)

DOWN

2 Woman's song about botanist's first plant collections (8)
3 Get a lute repaired for teaching (8)
4 Prophecy by Sally about cricket side (9)
5 Substitute tax I go on about, to great acclamation (8, 7)
6 Pacify a woman out of condition (7)
7 Security nil at first, but the temple may back it (8)
8 Serviceman who painted or conducted, do we hear? (8)
14 Riot ideal material for article (9)
15 Large number imprisoned in the Moroccan capital? (8)
16 Feeble sentimentality with scope to grow rapidly (8)
17 Voluptuary upset by cutting appeal ceremony (8)
18 Angry when equipment is dropped in water? (8)
19 The rascal's evil is to no purpose (7).

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Penzance Cornwall, 10C (50F); lowest day max: Tulloch Bridge, Highland, 03C (37F); highest rainfall: Fair Isle, 0.23in; highest sunshine: Glasgow, 7hr

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☐ **London, S E England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, Central N, N E England:** Sunny spells. A few showers. Wind SE. fresh. Max 7 to 9C (45 to 48F).

☐ **W Midlands, Channel Isles, S W England, S Wales:** Mainly cloudy. Frequent showers, some heavy and prolonged. Wind mainly south becoming south-west strong to gale. Max temp 8 to 10C (46 to 50F).

☐ **N Wales, N W England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Northern Ireland:** Frequent showers, some heavy and prolonged. Wind east to south-east strong to gale. Max 8 or 9C (46 to 48F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, S W Scotland, Glasgow:** Sunshine at times. Showers. Wind mainly south-east strong. Max 6 or 7C (43 to 45F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Argyll:** Mostly cloudy. Rain with snow over the mountains. Wind east to south-east strong to gale. Max 4 to 6C (39 to 43F).

☐ **Moray Firth, N E Scotland, N W Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** Windy. Cloudy with sleet and snow. Wind east strong to gale. Very cold, max 2 or 3C (36 to 37F).

☐ **Outlook:** rain and snow will clear northern Scotland and then all parts will have sunshine and showers.

AROUND BRITAIN

MIDDAY t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

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Aberdeen	4.7	0.01	5	41	b	Lowestoft	3.8	-	6	43	b
Anglesey	5.2	-	8	46	s	Manchester	2.8	-	5	41	c
Aspatria	6.7	-	7	45	s	Margate	X	0.01	7	45	b
Aviemore	2.9	0.02	4	39	d	Minehead	X	0.04	8	46	b
Belfast	6.8	-	6	43	s	Morecambe	5.0	-	7	45	s
Birmingham	2.9	-	7	45	b	Newcastle	5.4	-	7	45	c
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Bournem'th	0.2	0.01	7	45	c	Norwich	3.7	-	5	41	s
Bristol	2.4	0.01	8	46	s	Nottingham	2.5	-	5	41	s
Buxton	4.8	-	4	39	b	Penzance	2.2	0.01	10	50	c
Cardiff	2.9	0.01	7	45	s	Plymouth	0.4	0.01	7	45	c
Clacton	1.2	0.02	6	43	c	Poole	0.3	0.05	7	45	r
Colwyn Bay	4.5	-	7	45	s	Ross-o-wye	2.6	-	5	41	s
Cromer	X					Ryde	X				
Eastbourne	1.0	0.04	7	45	c	Salcombe	X				
Edinburgh	6.8	0.01	7	45	s	Sandown		0.03	7	45	sh
Eskdalemuir	2.1	0.10	4	39	c	Saunton Snd	3.0	-	9	48	b
Exmouth	-	0.04	7	45	r	Scarboro'	6.1	0.01	5	41	b
Falmouth	X	0.03	9	48	b	Scilly Isles	2.0	-	9	48	sh
Folkestone	1.9	-	6	43	b	Shanklin	-	0.02	7	45	c
Glasgow	7.0	0.06	7	45	s	Skegness	5.2	-	5	41	s
Guernsey	-	0.02	9	48	c	Southend	X				
Hastings	1.5	-	7	45	b	Southport	4.6	-	6	43	s
Hayling I.	X					Southsea	1.3	-	7	45	c
Herne Bay	2.1	-	7	45	b	Stornoway	3.1	0.04	6	43	sh
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Isle of Man	6.9	-	9	48	s	Tenby	3.4	0.03	8	46	b
Jersey	-	0.18	8	43	d	Tiree	0.9	0.15	6	43	d
Kinloss	5.9	0.01	6	43	s	Torquay	0.5	0.10	7	45	r
Leeds	3.8	0.02	7	45	b	Tynemouth	6.8	-	7	45	s
Lerwick	4.7	0.19	5	41	sh	Ventnor	-	0.05	7	45	r
Leuchars	6.3	-	6	43	s	West-s-mare	2.5	0.01	8	46	s
Littlehmptn	0.2	-	7	45	c	Weymouth	1.4	0.10	8	48	r
Liverpool	5.4	-	7	45	s	Wick	6.9	0.15	5	41	s
London	2.8	-	9	48	s						

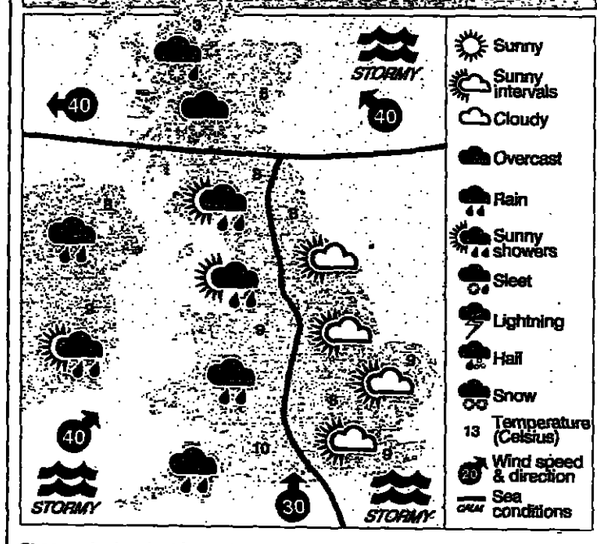
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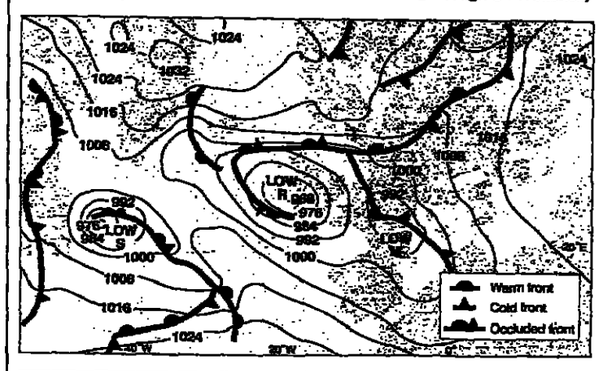
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Alicante	16	61	c	Dublin	6	43	c	Melb'rne	24	75	s
Alex'dria	17	63	f	Dubrovnik	14	57	f	Mexico C	17	63	s
Algiers	21	70	s	Faro	12	54	r	Miami	12	54	c
Amst'dm	3	37	f	Florence	11	52	r	Milan	5	41	d
Athens	15	59	s	Frankfurt	2	36	r	Montreal	-9	15	f
Bahrain	19	66	f	Funchal	18	64	s	Moscow	-11	12	sn
Bangkok	32	90	f	Geneva	12	54	f	Munich	9	48	c
Barbados	28	82	s	Gibraltar	15	59	f	Nairobi	28	82	s
Barcelona	13	55	r	Helsinki	-17	1	s	Naples	14	57	f
Beirut	15	59	f	Hong K	18	64	f	N Delhi	19	66	s
Belgrade	12	54	f	Innsbruck	8	46	s	N York	-4	25	s
Berlin	3	37	f	Istanbul	11	52	s	Nice	11	52	c
Bermuda	24	75	s	Jeddah	26	79	s	Oslo	-7	19	c
Biarritz	9	48	r	Jo'burg	21	70	f	Paris	9	48	r
Borde'x	11	52	f	L Palmas	19	66	s	Peking	6	43	s
Brussels	4	39	r	La Tquez	9	48	f	Perth	25	77	s
Budapest	12	54	s	Lisbon	11	52	f	Prague	1	34	f
B Aires	30	86	f	Locarno	7	45	c	Reykjavik	4	25	s
Cairo	17	63	f	L Angels	16	61	f	Rhodes	15	59	s
Cape Tn	29	73	s	Luxembg	2	36	r	Rio de J	34	93	f
Chicago	-6	21	sn	Luxor	20	68	s	Rio de J	30	86	s
Ch'church	12	54	c	Madrid	7	45	r	Riyadh	19	66	s
Cologne	5	41	f	Majorca	15	59	c	Rome	15	59	f
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S'Frisco	9	48	f								
Santiago	27	81	s								
S Paulo	32	90	f								
Seoul	3	37	s								
Sing'por	29	84	s								
Stckholm	-9	16	sn								
Stras'b'rg	5	41	c								
Sydney	24	75	c								
Tangier	15	59	f								
Tel Aviv	17	63	f								
Tenerife	20	68	s								
Tokyo	6	43	c								
Toronto	-9	16	s								
Tunis	18	64	s								
Valencia	15	59	r								
Vanc'ver	3	37	c								
Venice	7	45	f								
Vienna	7	45	c								
Warsaw	2	36	c								
Wash'ton	-1	30	s								
Wel'ngton	14	57	c								
Zurich	11	52	f								

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NOON TODAY



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HIGH TIDES

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Aberdeen	7.12	3.85	7.48	3.78	Lowestoft	2.42	2.41	3.40	2.12
Avonmouth	12.15	11.13	12.46	10.57	Margate	5.14	4.42	6.01	4.15
Belfast	4.45	2.97	5.21	3.17	Milford Haven	—	—	12.01	5.77
Cardiff	—	—	12.31	10.23	Newquay	11.00	5.80	11.40	5.60
Devonport	11.27	4.80	—	—	Oban	11.27	3.00	—	—
Dover	4.26	6.04	5.02	5.82	Penzance	10.45	4.60	11.26	4.60
Falmouth	10.57	4.40	11.36	4.30	Portland	11.56	1.60	—	—
Glasgow	6.02	4.40	6.15	4.50	Portsmouth	4.45	4.28	5.22	4.00
Harwich	5.07	3.85	5.48	3.41	Shoreham	4.32	5.48	5.08	5.11
Holyhead	3.54	4.75	4.31	4.75	Southampton	4.30	4.15	5.08	3.84
Hull	—	—	12.02	6.35	Swansea	—	—	12.09	7.98
Ilfracombe	11.40	7.65	—	—	Tees	9.39	4.50	10.12	4.51
King's Lynn	—	—	12.08	5.30	W'ton-on-Naz	5.03	3.84	5.44	3.58
Leith	8.24	4.80	9.01	4.80					

HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 7.35 am
Sun sets: 4.55pm
Moon sets 11.03 am
Moon rises 2.20 am

London 4.55 pm to 7.35 am
Bristol 5.05 pm to 7.44 am
Edinburgh 4.52 pm to 8.02 am
Manchester 4.57 pm to 7.49 am
Penzance 5.21 pm to 7.52 am

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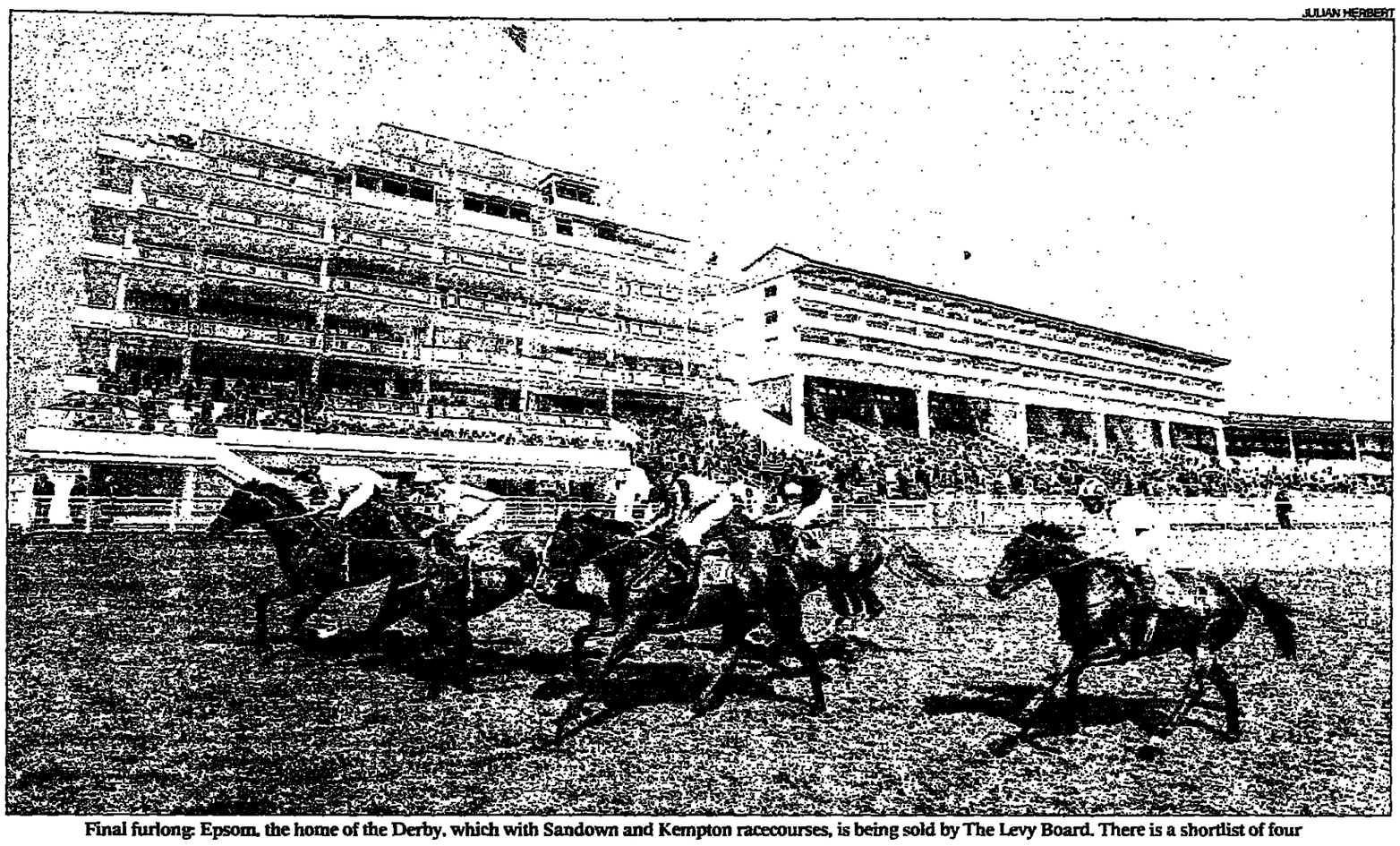
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JULIAN HERBERT

Final furlong: Epsom, the home of the Derby, which with Sandown and Kempton racecourses, is being sold by The Levy Board. There is a shortlist of four

£30m bid battle for Epsom

By Neil Bennett

P&O, the shipping and property group, and Sunset & Vine, the television production company, are locked in a £30 million bid battle for the Epsom racecourse, the home of the Derby.

The two companies are on a shortlist of four bidding for United Racecourses, which owns Epsom, Sandown and Kempton, three of the largest horse racecourses in Britain that are being sold by The Levy Board.

The sale is being masterminded by Lazards, the merchant bank, which drew up the shortlist earlier this week after weeding out more than six other offers.

One of the key conditions of the sale is that the racecourses must be kept for their traditional use, and that the land cannot be used for property development. Sandown and Kempton, both on the fringe of west London, would have immense value as development sites if the racecourses were ever closed.

A spokesman for Sunset refused to coment on its bid, but the company is thought to be keen on the television rights that would go with the three racecourses.

Sunset produces a wide range of racing programmes for Channel 4 and is thought to be keen to launch a satellite racing channel. Control of United would give the company an unassailable position in racing coverage.

Lord Sterling, chairman of P&O, was unavailable to comment on his group's interest, but United would fit well with its Earls Court and Olympia exhibition halls.

The favourite bidder is still Racecourse Holdings Trust, the largest racecourse owner in the country, which is owned by The Jockey Club. The final short-listed bidder is Stan Clarke, owner of Uttoxeter racecourse.

The remaining four have been asked to present a final bid at the end of the month. The winner will be chosen by the Levy Board next month.

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Lakeside centre set to float

By Colin Campbell

TRANSATLANTIC Holdings, the insurance and property group headed by Donald Gordon, is floating *its prime shopping centre* interests as a separate company with assets of £800 million. Capital Shopping Centres, the main asset of *which will be the* 1.32 million sq ft Lakeside shopping centre at Thurrock, Essex, will be Britain's seventh-largest property group.

CSC plans to float in April, subject to market *conditions, when it* will raise £150 million from the public and from institutions. Robert Fleming is the lead sponsor to the float and *Morgan Stanley the* joint sponsor. TransAtlantic (54 per cent owned by *Liberty Life and 19 per cent* by France's UAP) will retain 75 per cent of CSC.

Mr Gordon, who will also be chairman of CSC, *said properties transferred* from TransAtlantic would include the whole of Lakeside, 93 per cent of The Harlequin centre, Watford, *Hertfordshire, and* smaller interests in shopping centres in Newcastle; Nottingham; Bromley, Kent; Wakefield, West Yorkshire; and Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire.

Income from property (excluding The Harlequin) is estimated to have been *£28.4 million in 1993*, compared with 1992's £23.4 million. TransAtlantic's *shares rose 34p yesterday*, to 462p. A limited number of CSC shares will be offered to TransAtlantic's minority shareholders. TransAtlantic's current property portfolio is valued at £1.35 billion.

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MPs warn over £18bn nuclear clean-up cost

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

■ *MPs called for a fund to provide for a likely £18 billion needed to decommission nuclear plants, and complained consumers were paying an extra tax on their bills*

DEEP disquiet over the estimated £18 billion cost of *decommissioning Britain's* nuclear power plants has been voiced by the powerful cross-party Commons Public Accounts Committee.

In a hard-hitting review of the industry's provisions, the committee calls for a "visible, guaranteed fund to provide for decommissioning". Members suggest that the non-fossil fuel obligation, a £1 billion-a-year levy on consumers' bills in*tended to fund decommission*ing in England and Wales, is little more than a tax on consumers.

They say that while Nuclear Electric, the biggest state-owned atomic generator, seems confident that it can *meet its obligations, Scottish* Nuclear will become technically insolvent in the next financial year without further government intervention.

Alan Williams, Labour MP for Swansea West and a member of the committee, said: "The Government is clearly charging a 10 per cent tax on electricity to pay for decommissioning nuclear power stations. It is costing the *consumer £1 billion a year.* Until 1998, when this levy effectively ends, the consumer will pay this plus 17.5 per cent VAT, leading to soaring bills."

The committee's report, *The Cost of Decommissioning Nuclear Facilities*, will increase pressure on the Government to draw up a broad brief for its overdue review of the nuclear industry's future. It will also add to the difficulties Nuclear Electric faces in its efforts to win planning consent to build a pressurised water plant in Suffolk, alongside the Sizewell B plant now nearing completion.

The two leading nuclear power companies last night *defended themselves* vigorously. John Collier, the chairman of Nuclear Electric, said: "We know exactly how to decommission all Nuclear *Electric's power stations." The* company's total decommissioning liability, in real terms, was £2.7 billion, he said. "We're right on track to meet that bill without any need for subsidy or extension of the levy."

Robin Jeffrey, the chief executive of Scottish Nuclear, confirmed that his company *would become technically* insolvent if it failed to tackle its problems. But he added: "We have every confidence that cost-saving projects, which in*clude the dry storage of spent* fuel and a new approach to decommissioning known as Safestore, will ensure that the question of technical insolvency will not arise."

The Public Accounts Committee looked at decommis*sioning costs right across the* industry. Its report notes that accounting provisions in the nuclear generating industry rose from £1.1 billion in 1987 to *£3.76 billion in 1989.* Planned privatisation was subsequently abandoned because investors were worried about the industry's liabilities, including decommissioning. By 1992, the total cost of closing and removing civil nuclear plants and *cleaning up associated* radioactive contamination was estimated at £18 billion for *the four companies* — Nuclear Electric, Scottish Nuclear, British Nuclear Fuels and AEA, the former Atomic Energy Authority.

The process involves removal of fuel and ancillary plant, followed a century later by dismantling and burial elsewhere of the reactor.

MPs are concerned that, although Nuclear Electric says it has about £1.5 billion of *deposits for decommissioning* with the National Loans Fund, some of the provisions have been used to fund construction of Sizewell B. The company *insists that revenues* from Sizewell will be used to top up the provisions.

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Four pits and 3,000 jobs set to go

By Our Industrial Correspondent

BRITISH Coal will today hold reconvened review meetings that are expected to lead to the closure of four collieries and the loss of 3,050 miners' jobs.

The cuts will leave the corporation with *16 deep mines, three fewer than* were expected to survive in October 1992 when British Coal provoked a furore by announcing plans to close 31 of its 50 pits.

The latest pits under imminent threat of closure are Ellington colliery, which employs 1,100 men in Northumberland, and three Nottinghamshire pits — *Annesley, Ollerton and Manton.* Annesley and Ollerton each employ 700.

The corporation last night confirmed *plans to hold review meetings*, which normally lead to closure, at the collieries today. A meeting had already been *scheduled for Manton*, where 550 work. If closure plans are announced, they will bring to almost 4,000 the number of job cuts unveiled by British Coal this week. Earlier, the corporation said it was to *close Goldthorpe colliery and merge the* Maltby and Silverwood pits, all in Yorkshire. The closure of Ellington would mark the end of underground mining in the North East, where coal has been mined since Roman times.

Today's reconvened review meetings are expected to signal an end to the latest *round of closures. Although the corpora*tion has yet to formally review the future of the Longannet mine in Scotland, the Tower colliery in South Wales and the Daw Mill pit near Coventry, each of these is understood to have survived.

British Coal blames the cuts on the need to reduce production because its key sale contracts with National Power and PowerGen, the two electricity companies, fall by ten million tonnes a year to 30 *million tonnes at the end of next month.*

☐ RJB Mining, which earlier this month took over the redundant Clipstone colliery from British Coal, is buying from ICI the Monckton Coke & Chemical *Company, which produces coke and* Sunbrite smokeless fuel, for £4.7 million. The company, which is near Barnsley, will in future be supplied with coal from the Clipstone pit. RJB will fund the purchase with a share placing and open offer to raise £9.3 million.

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Elan sheds 700 and calls in liquidator

By Colin Narbrough

ELAN International, the *Birmingham-based freight* and parcel carrier, shed 700 jobs yesterday after being forced to call in the liquidator when funds dried up.

*Lower levels of freight busi*ness and the cut-throat competition prevailing in the industry were given as the the main causes of the difficulties at the company, which had a turnover of £28 million last year.

The job losses are the latest *of a steady flow of cuts an*nounced across Britain in recent weeks, suggesting that *the delayed effects of the re*cession are still being felt, in spite of the improved picture painted by the official unemployment figures.

David Wilton, of Coopers & Lybrand, the accountancy group, said he had been called in last Friday to seek an alternative to liquidation for Elan, which has debts of £5.9 million, but that by Wednesday, it became apparent that there was no other option.

Mr Wilton said that a staff of 40 was being kept on while the company's 300 vans and lorries and other assets were accounted for. Elan, which is unlisted, is owned by Allegro Holdings Ltd.

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Higher taxes slow consumer spending plans

BY PHILIP BASSETT AND SUSAN GILCHRIST

CONSUMERS are reigning in spending before April's tax increases, but manufacturers appear confident the strength of the economy, combined with low labour costs, will continue to attract investment, particularly from Germany.

Evidence that consumers are spending less emerged from the latest monthly survey of purchasing intentions by Verdict, the retail consultants. The headline index of the survey, which analyses purchasing intentions of 2,000 consumers, has been on a steady upward trend, but last month shows the first fall since September. Although consumer spending picked up strongly in December, Verdict believes the fear of tax increases — likely to set the average family back by about £12 a week — is now beginning to bite. It also cites high unemployment, low income growth, debt and negative equity as factors in holding back spending of major purchases.

The main reason for the decline in the headline index, which fell from 122 to 117 between December and January, is a sharp drop in the purchasing intentions of men. The index for men has fallen from 131 to 122, compared with only a slight fall in the index for women, from 114 to 112. The socio-economic group most likely to feel the squeeze from tax rises is the C1s. The C1 index has plunged from 143 to 125, the biggest fall for a year. The purchasing intentions of ABs have also fallen slightly. The young are being more cautious than the elderly. There has been a marked fall in the purchasing intentions of respondents aged 15-34, while the index for the over 55 age group continues to rise steadily, particularly in relation to expenditure on household items.

By contrast, a survey by the MORI polling organisation indicates that UK manufacturers regard the strength of the economy and its low labour costs as the principal advantages of Britain over Germany as a production centre. The findings shed a significant light on this week's takeover by the German BMW car manufacturer of Rover. Companies already based in Britain regard the UK as the best manufacturing base, with 41 per cent taking that view, compared with 25 per cent rating Germany. No other European country received a significant mention. Thirty-nine per cent regarded the local UK economy as the reason why Britain scored well as a manufacturing base, compared with only 16 per cent for those mentioning Germany. Both countries scored roughly equally on their available resources and skills.

Honda to talk to BMW on Rover role

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

HONDA is ready to explore ways of continuing its collaborative role with Rover after the BMW takeover.

Nobuhiko Kawamoto, Honda's president, said that he hoped to handle the change of control at Rover — in which Honda has a 20 per cent stake — "calmly, in a positive way".

The statement was a considerable softening of Honda's position after a series of angry responses this week, when it was revealed that British Aerospace was ready to accept £800 million from BMW for its 80 per cent shareholding.

The deal threatens to leave Honda isolated without a collaborative partner in Europe at a time when companies are strengthening their places in the world motor industry through a series of mergers and takeovers.

Fears were high that Honda would treat the BMW deal as an insult and pull out of all partnership arrangements with Rover. Now it seems that the Japanese may try to find grounds to continue the relationship or, at least, continue until all present collaborative projects are completed.

Mr Kawamoto denied that his company would seek revenge by releasing its share of Rover. He said: "We want to make a serene decision in a purely business move," and he added that "business relations in the car industry will not change overnight".

Yoshihide Munekini, Honda's executive vice-president in charge of the Rover relationship, has arrived in London ready to embark on a series of talks with Rover executives and BMW.

Although Honda is angry at being undermined by the sudden sale, it is becoming clear that the scale of the company's involvement after 15 years with Rover is so great that it could take years to disentangle the two businesses.

Rover made 15,000 Concerto small cars on its assembly line at Longbridge, Birmingham, last year. More important still, Rover also made body pressings in Swindon, Wiltshire, for Accord models manufactured by Honda at its new plant two miles away. Honda made 125,000 engines for Rover last year for Rover's 200, 600 and 800 ranges.

The Japanese company intends to manufacture a new version of the Concerto on the Swindon assembly lines in 1995, but still needs Rover's Swindon pressings plant. The alternative is to spend about £50 million on its own pressings plant. That would indicate that Honda is unlikely to cut itself off quickly from its relationship with Rover.

☐ Franz-Josef Kortüm, management board chairman of Audi, the car subsidiary of Volkwagen, is to resign after months of speculation that he was at odds with Ferdinand Piëch, the cost-cutting head of the VW group.



Malaya Group, chaired by Nick Lancaster, above, has bought Porsche, Citroen and Nissan franchises from Silverstone Motor Group, for £2.46 million. They made taxable losses of £722,000 in 1992 but are now profitable.

Underwriting capacity at Lloyd's beats estimates

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

LLOYD'S of London, the insurance market, has beaten all estimates by announcing £10.9 billion of capacity for the 1994 underwriting year.

This compares with last year's capacity of £8.9 billion and is far higher than expected. Corporate names have bolstered the figure to the tune of £1.6 billion, but individual names proved more resilient than anticipated, providing £9.3 billion of capacity.

Conversely, the number of names leaving the market outstripped initial estimates, with 1,312 resignations and 188 deaths. As a result, the number of individual names fell from more than 19,500 to 18,022. The average underwriting participation by external names rose from £486,000 in 1993 to £561,000 in 1994, while the average capacity for working names rose from £318,000 to £372,000. The spread of underwriting has concentrated, causing the number of syndicates in the market to slump from 232 in 1993 to 179 this year.

David Rowland, chairman of Lloyd's, said: "I was wrong on that. I thought there would be a greater concentration than there has been."

Mr Rowland also said that the Lloyd's ruling council had decided to reject an appeal by Edward Paul Cowen, a Lloyd's underwriter since 1983 as underwriter for syndicate 529. Mr Cowen was appealing against a censure ruling made in Autumn 1992, which was imposed as a result of him being found guilty on five charges, involving detrimental and discreditable conduct.

Mr Rowland took the opportunity to reiterate that the Lloyd's £900 million settlement offer would not be increased. He also confirmed that the voting rights for names on long-tail syndicates within the framework of the new corporate capital Lloyd's was being considered carefully.

Germany keeps rates unchanged

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE Bundesbank's decision not to cut its official rates yesterday triggered wide-scale dumping of German bonds by investors who have become increasingly disenchanted with the German central bank's caution.

The bank left its discount rate at 5.75 per cent and its Lombard rate at 6.75 per cent, the same levels which have prevailed since October 22.

The main reason for the decision not to cut rates appeared to be a surge in M3 money supply growth in December to a rate of 8.1 per cent compared with 7.2 per cent in November. However, the negative reaction in the bond market yesterday suggests that, far from gaining credibility with bond investors by being cautious about monetary policy, the Bundesbank may be losing credibility.

The next M3 money supply figures are due out late this month or even early March, which may preclude a rate cut at the next council meeting on February 17 and perhaps even the next one on March 3.

The Bundesbank said M3 grew 7.5 per cent in the fourth quarter of last year compared with its target range of 4.5 per cent to 6.5 per cent.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Zurich Insurance gives union new recognition

EMPLOYERS' attempts to remove trade unions from their operations suffered a blow yesterday when Zurich Insurance, the Swiss-based group with operations across Europe, restored recognition of the MSF general technical union. Zurich derecognised the union one year ago after the takeover of Municipal Mutual Insurance, the local authority insurers which had recognised the union.

MSF mounted a US-style corporate campaign against Zurich, bringing legal pressure to bear, political lobbying in the UK and Swiss parliaments, and pressure from Zurich customers. Zurich was last week called before the Commons' all-party employment select committee, and attacked by some MPs, largely as a result of the MSF campaign. Zurich has not restored collective bargaining, but MSF will have four guaranteed places on a 19-strong staff forum.

Allocations scaled down

APPLICATIONS for Kleinwort Benson's European Privatisation Trust were scaled back yesterday after the £180 million public offer was more than three times subscribed. Kleinwort made 180 million shares with warrants attached available in the public offer. It received 85,110 valid applications for 560,488,800 shares. Anyone applying for 2,000 shares will be allocated 700. Those applying for between 3,000 and 2 million shares will receive 31.4 per cent of the number sought, with allotments being rounded to the nearest multiple of ten.

Finance Bill under fire

THE Government's biggest-ever Finance Bill has been attacked by the Institute of Taxation, which represents professional tax experts. Malcolm Gammie, the institute's president, said the Bill was longer than all four such bills in Baroness Thatcher's first term of office put together, and that tax legislation was becoming chaotic and out of control. He said: "People with access to good professional advice will survive the changes ... The ordinary man will be left baffled, bemused and probably subject to penalties."

KLM plans rights issue

SHARES in KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, the Dutch national carrier, dipped despite a return to a 15 million guilder (£5 million) net profit on the third of the year to March 31, up from a 438 million guilder loss (£151 million) last time, as the company announced a rights issue. The planned 950 million guilder issue of 20 million new shares is intended to strengthen the airline's balance sheet and enable it to finance investments. KLM said the Dutch state planned to maintain its 38.4 per cent stake by subscribing to the issue.

TSB charges pledge

TSB is to give customers at least 14 days' advance notice of all bank charges from this week. It became the first bank to warn current-account customers of charges in advance when it started providing partial warning of monthly charges in October 1992. National Westminster, which followed last June, pre-notifies customers of quarterly bank charges, but not ancillary charges. Banks will have to pre-notify customers of quarterly or monthly charges under the revised code of banking practice due to be implemented in March.

Britannia advances

THE Britannia Building Society increased pre-tax profits 32 per cent to £80.8 million in the year to end-December, compared with £61.4 million. Group assets of the ninth-largest society rose 23 per cent to £12.9 billion from £10.5 billion. The contribution of Britannia's life assurance business was £15.1 million. Provisions for mortgage losses were down to £57.3 million from £72.1 million. The society's stock of repossessions went down from about 1,650 to 700 over the year, a fall of more than 50 per cent.

Counterfeit card losses

LOSSES from counterfeit plastic cards cost the industry £65 million in the first nine months of 1993, up from £5.9 million in the same period of 1992, according to the Association for Payment Clearing Services. This will fuel fears that counterfeiters in the Far East and America are turning their attention to Britain after clampdowns elsewhere. In the first three quarters of 1993, banks lost £101 million, compared with £124 million. Banks lost £165 million through card fraud in 1992, of which £9 million was due to counterfeit cards.

Coda in £61m debut

CODA, the financial accounting software group, will have a stock market value of £61.6 million when it goes public next Wednesday. This was revealed yesterday when the company said it would place shares with institutional investors at 235p, raising £5 million for the company. The price-earnings ratio will be 24.5. The group, which made taxable profits of £3.7 million in its last full trading year, said it had seen good sales growth in the first two months of the current financial year.

Post Office managers see sell-off

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

SENIOR Post Office managers believe that the Government intends to push ahead with plans to privatise the PO after its clear rejection of the PO's compromise proposal to give the corporation greater commercial freedom.

Whitehall and PO officials closely in touch with the Government's review of the future of the Post Office now believe that the Government is likely to proceed with the privatisation of the mail and parcels businesses, but to leave the counters business in the public sector.

Previously, ministers judged that fears about local closures under a privatised PO were so extensive as to make privatisation impossible, but they are keen to try to maintain the competitiveness and profitability of the Post Office, as well as to meet their own ideological aims of moving it into the private sector.

Senior PO managers accept that the rejection by Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, of their half-way house proposal of greater commercial freedom while remaining in the public sector means that such a compromise is now dead.

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A NEW interpretation of Picasso's work will be seen at the Tate Gallery's exhibition "Picasso: Sculptor & Painter", from February 16 to May 8, sponsored by Ernst & Young. The exhibition features 160 works, 15 of which have never been shown before. More than 80 are new to Britain.

To mark this event, The Times is offering readers an exclusive free print of Picasso's 1932 painting *Still life: Bust, Bowl And Palette*. The print is 56cm by 65.25cm, with a border, and reproduced on heavy-weight art paper.

Here, Picasso reflects on the relationship between painting (symbolised by the palette) and sculpture (the bust). The style as a whole seems intended to dramatise the oppositions between pictorial flatness and sculptural mass; between line and colour, and light and dark. The sculpted head is a reference to his earlier plater heads.

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THE TIMES Picasso TOKEN

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☐ The nuclear industry's permanent financial credibility gap ☐ Would Eisner close Euro Disney? ☐ Sap not yet rising

Still glowing in the dark

☐ POOR Nuclear Electric. It reckons it is always being misunderstood. The report of the Public Accounts Committee on the costs of de-commissioning nuclear stations shows that is likely to be permanent. The committee's evident doubts and suspicions will further undermine Nuclear Electric's twin ambitions to be privatised and to build a further double PWR station at Sizewell to replace its remaining Magnox stations. The PAC was essentially worried about two issues: the unknown final costs of the three-stage de-commissioning process and whether these could be fully and reliably provided for in advance. These are precisely the issues that sank privatisation in the first place.

Since then, there have been several important developments. The stage one de-commissioning costs at the Berkeley Magnox station, the first to be treated, have come in 40 per cent below the £68 million earlier assumed. This is a good start, but the first stage is the least costly. The industry's claim that it is providing well would get a terrific boost if it persuaded the authorities to back a much cheaper form of second stage de-commisioning, under which it would seal outer buildings rather than dismantle them. This might cut the assumed second-stage cost of roughly £250 million per station by half. The final stage would still be budgeted around £300 million, but that is incurred more than century after a station closes. That is bound to leave uncertainties in energy policy. By contrast, the Ellington saga suggests British Coal is planning on a two month horizon.

Meanwhile, Nuclear Electric has invested part of its de-commissioning fund in the Sizewell B PWR station. The company is now earning on operations double the 2 per cent rate of return assumed to build up its provisions, but who knows what might happen to income if the power industry becomes truly competitive after the nuclear levy disappears after 1998. Funding long-term liabilities does not sit well with an industry competing fiercely on price. It does not help that Scottish Nuclear, which had a quite different financial regime, is headed for technical insolvency because of falling prices. This doubt becomes critical if Nuclear Electric wants to invest more funds in Sizewell C.

From the company's point of view, the nuclear review that will decide this has come at a tricky time. British Coal is shutting pits that provide electricity at a much lower overall cost than Nuclear Electric — hence the levy. Many pits were condemned when Lord Wakeham decided to complete Sizewell B after it had been shown to be an uneconomic investment. This will surely sour any plans to replace the ageing Magnox stations. Oddly, the irreversible destruction of the deep-mined coal industry might actually make this a good idea. Otherwise, consumers will be hostages to the price of natural gas in a dozen years' time.



High stakes at Mickey's table

☐ POKER is a hard game, and Disney's Michael Eisner is a player. No doubt Euro Disneyland's banks, mainly French and down a cool £2 billion, think they can play a mean hand too. But when bluff is met by double bluff, the risk of a disastrous miscalculation rises. And as the two parties argue their way along a tightrope, the banks and the Walt Disney corporation are risking the very existence of the Paris theme park.

Those punters contemplating an Easter break with Mickey east of Paris might therefore pause with hand on wallet and check the small print. Eisner has threatened closure, and a tiny minority view is growing that the gates might just be shut by then. We have been here before in financial reconstructions, but the sheer numbers involved with Euro Disneyland make this one more difficult than usual.

The bankers who met in Paris this week will have heard little they did not already know, saving a set of first-quarter figures that show few reasons for encouragement. But the scope and form of the eventual restructuring that is needed are becoming clearer.

Euro Disneyland has debts of £2 billion and probably needs £1.2 billion of fresh funds injected. those bankers have learned from KPMG's continuing assessment of the finances. If the banks and shareholders split the pain, this means a one-for-one rights issue for the latter on the current market capitalisation. Walt Disney will clearly ante up, but the mass of small shareholders still in are not going to be so generous.

The banks need proper numbers before they take a view on how much of the rest of the debt can be converted into equity and how much simply written off. The wrangling over whether KPMG is getting the numbers or simply the run-around from the Disney boys is undignified and probably academic. But the fact remains that the financial study is not going to be ready much before the end of this month, leaving barely four weeks before the March 31 deadline set by Walt Disney corporation.

Suppose, for the sake of argument, that come April Fool's Day the two are way apart. Some sort of day-by-day pact could probably be struck; the two sides would still be eyeball-to-eyeball, and the first then to back down and agree fresh funds. however temporary, would have seriously weakened its bargaining position. If both refuse to budge, Monsieur Mickey goes over Niagara in a barrel. It would be preferable for the pace of the talks to quicken. Now.

Virtual reality in house prices

☐ EFFORTS to talk up the housing market with buoyant end-year forecasts have already hit inconvenient reality. The Halifax Building Society's reputable index records that prices have fallen by about 1 per cent in the past two months. And this allows for the usual seasonal weakness in the depths of winter.

Few houses are traded in the low season. The Halifax's price fall, therefore, says no more about what will happen at Easter and after than rises seen by others. It does confirm that some of the forecasts, ranging up to a 25 per cent rise in London house prices this year, owe much to wishful thinking: buy now before the price goes up. If so, they may have backfired, by persuading potential sellers to hang on, thereby perpetuating the overhang of supply.

The Halifax emphasises that prices are still about 1 per cent higher than a year ago: buyers surely need not hold off for fear of further falls. All that can be said with certainty, however, is that housing is historically cheap in terms of the ratio of mortgage costs to average incomes. Buying for living in should prove good value at present prices.

That does not mean those who buy for capital gain will make a killing. They might, but buyers are not convinced that present interest rates will last long. If they do, the housing market is likely to reflect permanently lower inflation. Land scarcity should still keep prices comfortably ahead of inflation in the long run. The Halifax's own projection of a 5 per cent rise this year modestly reflects that. What no one yet knows is whether prices will bounce back or, like the economy as a whole, merely resume growth from a lower base. Expect optimists to reappear with Easter sunshine.

BSkyB profit surge helps News Corp to rise 27%

By Martin Waller
Deputy City Editor

■ Gains in most areas of activity at The News Corporation, from satellite television to films, dwarfed the dent made in UK newspaper profits by price cuts

SHARPLY higher earnings from BSkyB in Britain and Ansett Transport Industries in Australia helped to lift profits at The News Corporation, ultimate owner of *The Times*, by 27 per cent.

Operating profits before exceptional items rose from A$490.1 million to A$624.9 million (£294 million) in the six months to end-December. The 32 per cent rise for the second financial quarter was even more pronounced, at 32 per cent to A$362.6 million. News Corp has declared a same-again interim dividend of 1.5 cents. While operating income from the core business, which includes the wholly owned News International operation in Britain, was little changed in the first half, at A$861.1 million, against A$867.4 million, the share of profits from associated companies, primarily BSkyB and Ansett, more than doubled, from A$93.1 million to A$190.1 million. There was a first-time cash distribution of £25 million from BSkyB. Further payments are expected from the business by the June year-end. There were rises in operating profits at most businesses, the exceptions being the UK newspaper side and the Free Standing Insert operation in the US. The UK fall resulted from lower cover prices for *The Sun* and *The Times*, while FSI was hit by price competition.

Operating results at UK newspapers fell by 30 per cent, in part because of cover price cuts at the two titles. But the cut in the price of *The Sun* resulted in a 400,000 rise in the paper's daily circulation, increasing its lead over its nearest competitor, the *Daily Mirror*, to more than 1.4 million copies. Circulation of *The Times* has risen by almost 30 per cent, to over 450,000 copies a day, according to recent figures. All five News International titles, which also include *The Sunday Times*, *News of the World* and *Today*, gained market share. News Corp registered one-off profits of A$144 million for the half, against a A$37.3 million loss last time, mainly because of profits from the sale of a 34.9 per cent interest in *The South China Morning Post* and of some BSkyB assets.

The filmed entertainment division benefited from a better performance from Twentieth Century Fox, registering a 183 per cent rise in operating profits. Fox's latest hit, the comedy *Mrs Doubtfire*, has grossed more than $170 million to date at US box offices.

Operating profits of the HarperCollins publishing operation rose 7 per cent, boosted by brisk sales of Margaret Thatcher's memoirs, *The* Downing Street Years, with 700,000 copies in print.

The fledgling Star TV Asian satellite operation made a small loss and looks likely to make a $20 million loss in the current financial year, before heading for break-even in 1994-95. The service, which has a potential audience of 250 million in the countries in which it can be seen, is already received by more than 42 million homes.

BSkyB's success has largely transformed the profit and loss account of News International, through which News Corp's 50 per cent stake is held. News International's operating profits were £49.8 million, against £76.2 million, but this was before a £30.9 million contribution from associated undertakings, mainly BSkyB, and a £20.3 million rise in interest income.

Net first-half profit of News Corp as a whole rose to A$768.9 million, from A$452.8 million, and was well above forecasts of about A$600 million, sending the shares strongly ahead in London, where they rose 25p to 502p. Analysts believe the company is on track for a A$1 billion result for the 12 months.


Successful screen test: the newsroom yesterday at Sky, profits of which rose fivefold

Subscribers flock to satellite package

By Our Deputy City Editor

A 900,000 jump in the number of subscribers to British Sky Broadcasting's satellite television operations sent first-half profits soaring at the company, which is 50 per cent owned by News International, the owner of *The Times*.

BSkyB's profits before interest payments were five times higher, at £84.8 million against £17.2 million, in the six months to December 31. The business is in line for a profit of £180 million for the current year, stock market observers believe. BSkyB therefore earned its shareholders — which also include Pearson, the owner of the *Financial Times*, with 17.5 per cent, the French media group Chargeurs, also with 17.5 per cent, and Granada Group, with 13.5 per cent — a total of £81.85 million in the first half, up from £12.5 million.

Operating profits are currently running at above £3 million a week. Included in BSkyB's interim profits is a £20 million one-off gain, mainly from the sale of the second Marco Polo satellite.

In December, BSkyB had its best month ever for dish sales, selling an estimated 130,000 dishes. By the end of the half year, the total number of subscribers had reached 3.25 million, and a further 60,000 to 70,000 are thought to have been added in the course of last month.

The increase in subscribers was helped by the launch of the Sky Multi-Channels Package in September, which introduced charges for certain channels, as well as offering new ones. Just short of half of BSkyB subscribers now take the entire TV package on offer.

Far East buy for United Newspapers

UNITED Newspapers, which this week expanded its American interests through a $100 million acquisition, yesterday focused its attention on the Far East, with the purchase of Hong Kong International Trade Fair Group (HKITF) for an initial £23.5 million in cash, with a further £6 million due if certain targets are met. United is also assuming full ownership of Asian Business Press, based in Singapore, in which an initial 42 per cent stake was acquired in 1974.

HKITF owns seven exhibitions serving the leather and shipping markets as well as cosmetics, tankers and cruise travel. In 1993, the exhibitions and other interests owned by HKITF earned pre-tax profits of US$2.74 million on revenues of US$9.78 million.

Reject Shop finds suitor in Upton & Southern

By Susan Gilchrist

THE Reject Shop, the struggling discount furniture and giftware chain, has accepted a £2.4 million knockdown takeover offer which values the company at less than 40 per cent of its market capitalisation prior to the bid.

The shares tumbled 21p to 38p on the news of the offer from Upton & Southern, the department store group based in Middlesborough. Upton, which itself has recently been taken over by new management after a period of financial difficulty, is offering a three-for-five share swap that values The Reject Shop's shares at 22.4p.

The bid comes after a difficult six years for the company, which has fallen into heavy losses from a profit of £1.5 million since it floated in June 1988.

The company's founders,


Vinton: selling stake

Anthony Hawser and Anna Vinton, have agreed to sell their 83.1 per cent stake ending 21 years of independence. Mr Hawser will leave the enlarged group but Ms Vinton, joint chairman, will become non-executive deputy chairman.

Upton, which is also loss-making, said the acquisition would "add critical mass and enable the management to utilise more fully its operating skills and buying power". The Reject Shop's 31 stores will be added to Upton's three department stores and three stand alone household goods outlets.

The news came as Reject Shop revealed it had plunged further into the red, incurring pre-tax losses of £2.39 million for the six months to October 3, compared with an £884,000 loss last time. No dividend will be paid, compared with a 0.5p payout last year. Current trading continues to be weak.

Upton is launching a £4.5 million rights issue on the basis of four new 5p shares for every 30 old 0.5p shares held. The proceeds will be used to reduce debt and to provide working capital for the Reject Shop chain.

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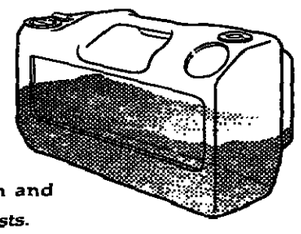
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Bundesbank ruins record-breaking run

THE reluctance of the Bundesbank to cut German interest rates brought this week's record-breaking run on the London stock market to a grinding halt.

In early trading, the FT-SE 100 index made the most of a positive performance the previous evening on Wall Street and further buying of the financial future to reach another new all-time intra-trading high.

Business on the futures market reached fever pitch, with Liffe reporting a million contracts traded across the board for the first time. But the rise of almost 19 points was wiped out around mid-morning after a disappointing set of German money supply figures that scuppered any remaining hopes that the Bundesbank would sanction a further cut.

A sharp opening fall in New York also depressed sentiment in London and encouraged the sellers, leaving the index closing near the bottom of the day with a fall of 28.8 points at 3,491.5. Turnover again topped 1 billion shares.

Prudential Corporation fell 9p to 362p as a large parcel of shares went through the market. Smith New Court, the broker, placed a total of 46 million shares on behalf of a clients with various institutions at 354p. **Commercial Union** lost 17p at 674p as James Capel, the broker, urged clients to sell.

Bumper figures from BSkyB showing a sharp rise in profits from £12.48 million to £81.85 million also cheered its majority shareholders. These include **The News Corporation**, up 25p at 502p after unveiling a jump in interim profits, and its separately-quoted British arm, **News International**, publisher of *The Times*, which advanced 21p to 314p in a market place short of stock. Other shareholders include **Pearson**, 6p better at 724p and **Granada**, 2p easier at 578p.

Rolls-Royce has lost out to Pratt & Whitney, an American rival, to supply Japanese Airlines with engines for its fleet of Boeing 777 passenger aircraft. R-R had been hoping to supply 40 of its new powerful Trent engines in a deal worth almost £300 million. The shares fell 5½p to 180p.

British Aerospace, which upset Honda, the Japanese carmaker, by selling its Rover division to BMW, ran into profit-taking, ending 33p lower at 540p. The shares are still 96p up on the week. Honda owns 20 per cent of Rover.

Reject Shop, which is quoted on the USM, slumped 21p to 38p, having briefly touched 28p, after receiving an agreed £2.44 million bid from **Upton & Southern**. Reject has revealed increased first-half, pre-tax losses of £2.39 million compared with £884,000.

Upton & Southern is also planning a ten-for-one consolidation and a rights issue at 30p a share to raise £4.5 million. Its shares firmed 1p to 6p.

GM Firth added 6p to 29½p after revealing details of a rights issue and boardroom reshuffle. It plans to raise £3.6 million on the basis of one-for-one at 12p. It has also reduced interim pre-tax losses from £1.5 million £765,000.

Creston, the property developer, added 4p at 26p after announcing plans to raise £3 million by way of a rights issue.

First-time dealings on the USM in shares of **Computerised Financial Systems** started on a confident note. Placed at 90p, the price opened at 108p before ending the day at 125p, a premium of 35p. **Proteus**, also quoted on the USM, fell 31p to 394p as UBS resigned as joint broker after a difference of opinion.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Gilts traded lower along with other European bond markets after the Bundesbank decision to peg key rates. A record number of gilt contracts were traded on the futures market. Falls at the longer end stretched to more than £1, with Treasury 8¾ per cent 2017 down £1 5/16 at £125 1/16, while in mediums, Treasury 8 per cent 2003 was £23/32 off at £111 9/32.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Wall Street shares headed lower at midday as the market ran into profit-taking and inflation fears resurfaced, analysts said. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 26.73 points at 3,948.81.

MICHAEL CLARK



ANTHONY HARRIS

Searching for the corporate Clarke effect

So where are we now? Dealers seeking to rationalise the latest expansion of the 1994 Bubble have been talking even more nonsense than usual. "The market has risen on hopes of accelerated recovery, and rumours of a cut in interest rates" said the reports. Did nobody notice that these benefits are mutually exclusive? The last thing that would persuade a reluctant Bank of England to recommend lower rates is news of a gathering boom.

The best bet, though, is that neither hope will be realised — that the authorities will go on dithering while the recovery fizzles out. Meanwhile, intense competition in a sluggish market will claim casualties even in a bull market: Sainsbury will hardly be the last. And the market as a whole remains vulnerable. For example, inflation fears are stirring because the activities of the hedge funds, whose buying has driven up commodity prices so sharply. Self-fulfilling speculation of this kind is always a danger near a speculative climax.

If you like rodeos, it may still make sense to ride the bull a bit further; speculative spikes are characteristically very tall. But for those where the risk/reward balance is already looking iffish, it is time to seek something less risky. The emerging markets, as I suggested last week, offer one alternative. The risks are obvious, but investment in fast growing economies has always paid in the long run. But for those who find this too much of a paradox, or who require some liquidity, the Chancellor has unintentionally suggested a technique for stock picking in the developed world.

The Clarke doctrine, reported by Anatole Kaletsky from Davos, is that it may take hard times to drive decision-takers into hard choices. He was talking about governments: there is still little evidence, alas, that they tend to get the hard decisions right. But in a more general way, the idea that business slumps have their uses is hardly new. Nearly 70 years ago the great Joseph Schumpeter christened it "Creative Destruction". In less high-flown terms, anything which gets directors off the golf course is likely to sharpen performance.

Some good examples are offered by GT Management in its current investment letter. Some are already past their buy-by date: for example, SKF, the Swedish ball-bearing maker. SKF has cut its workforce by a third and its investment budget by half; and it has sold fringe assets. You know the pattern from a hundred examples closer to home. SKF's promise has been acknowledged in a share price rise of 150 per cent. But the potential of British Steel, whose slashed investment and concentration have made it into a far more cyclical stock, may not yet be fully valued.

The banks provide an interesting case study. All the world assumes that the industry has now written off their mistakes, and learned to price risk for the future. As a result, this has been one of the great recovery sectors. This seems to me too optimistic by at least half. The bad debts may be a thing of the past, but the bad feelings which have resulted from the rapacious practices of British banks in particular, will take a long time to die; the heavy current advertising campaign for borrowers tells its own story of soured markets. And the learning curve may well be longer than the market imagines.

It is the banks which have not made heavy losses which may have the best potential. Their hard times, as GT points out, were imposed not by folly, but by the Basle capital criteria imposed to guard against any repetition. This has forced well-managed banks to demand higher returns on their capital: and this is the secret of higher returns for shareholders. The same secret may restore margins in efficient, but high-cost companies like Daimler-Benz. You get the message: seek out companies which have not only been pushed into radical restructuring, but were well-managed in the first place. That does not mean the much-touted British Aerospace, which is proving ruthless, but also thuggish. Best of all, the ones now facing bad news. Volkswagen, for example. Or Sainsbury?

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $	1.4980 (−0.0025)
German mark	2.5933 (+0.0001)
Exchange index	81.9 (−0.1)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	3491.5 (−28.8)
Dow Jones	3948.81 (−26.73)*
Nikkei Avg	20174.82 (−75.21)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	5½%
3-month Interbank	5⅜-5¼%
US Federal Funds	3¼%*
3-month Treas Bills	3.15-3.14%*
Long Bond	6.32%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£ $	1.4940*	£ $	1.4935
$ DM	1.7366*	£ DM	2.5932
$ SWfr	1.4503*	£ SWfr	2.1626
$ Ffr	5.8955*	£ Ffr	8.8020
$ Yen	108.15*	£ Yen	161.45
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London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 384.00 ... PM 385.65
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RETAIL PRICES

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TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.23	2.03
Austria Sch	19.15	17.65
Belgium Fr	56.63	52.23
Canada $	2.094	1.934
Cyprus Cyp£	0.806	0.756
Denmark Kr	10.66	9.86
Finland Mkk	8.94	8.14
France Fr	9.23	8.53
Germany Dm	2.74	2.53
Greece Dr	394.00	369.00
Hong Kong $	12.20	11.20
Ireland Pt	1.08	1.01
Italy Lira	2619.00	2464.00
Japan Yen	176.50	159.50
Malta	0.630	0.575
Netherlds Gld	3.048	2.818
Norway Kr	11.71	10.91
Portugal Esc	271.50	253.00
S Africa Rd	5.85	4.95
Spain Pta	217.50	203.50
Sweden Kr	12.37	11.57
Switzerland Fr	2.31	2.13
Turkey Lira	27416.0	25916.0
USA $	1.593	1.463

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Telemillion contest goes national

By Sarah Bagnall

INTERACTIVE Telephone Services (ITS), runner of Telemillion, the phone prize competition with a £250,000 monthly jackpot, expects turnover to reach up to £50 million by the end of the year.

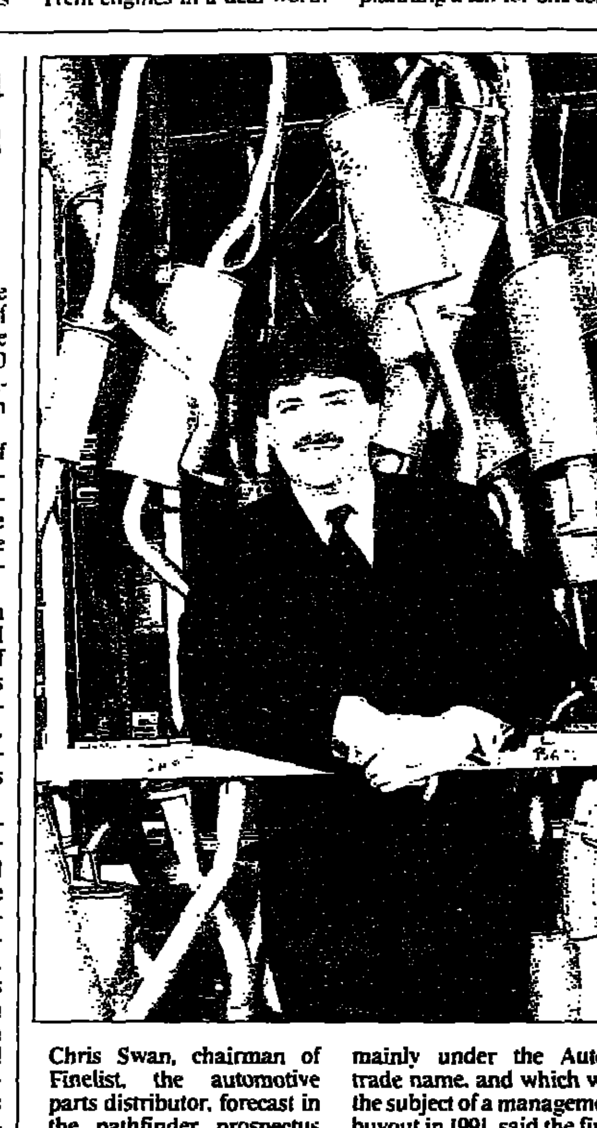
Tim Renton, chairman of ITS, said at yesterday's national launch of the competition: "The possibilities are huge. With 2,280 BT lines we can cope with tens of thousands of calls."

ITS launched Telemillion in Scotland, Northern Ireland and East Anglia at the start of the year, attracting "hundreds of thousands of calls." Michael Biden, chief executive, said. The competition is expected to contribute two thirds of ITS's turnover for 1994.

ITS also offers a service dealing with the telephone calls for businesses that want to sell goods thought direct response advertising and for broadcasters seeking audience participation in their programmes.

The competition involves callers answering a question in one of six categories. Each correct entrant is then entered into a computer, called Ronnie, which randomly selects the winner. Marjorie Mowlam, shadow Heritage Minister, has passed a QC's opinion that the competition is illegal to the Attorney-General.

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Chris Swan, chairman of Finelist, the automotive parts distributor, forecast in the pathfinder prospectus for its forthcoming flotation that it will make at least £2.3 million taxable profits in the year to June 30, 1994, against £1 million.

Finelist, which operates mainly under the Autela trade name, and which was the subject of a management buyout in 1991, said the final prospectus and price of the shares would be released later this month.

The group said it wanted to expand from its present 73 sites to about 120.

WALL STREET

	Feb 3 midday	Feb 2 close
AMP Inc	62	63
AMR Corp	71	71
Abbott Labs	29	30
Aetna Life	62	63
Ahmanson (HF)	18	18
Air Prod & Chem	49	49
Alberson's	26	26
Alcan Aluminum	23	24
Alco Standard	55	57
Allied Signal	77	79
Alum Co of Am	78	79
Amax Gold Inc	7	7
Amerada Hess	49	49
Amer Brands	35	35
Amer Cyanamid	49	49
Amer El Power	35	36
Amer Express	32	32
Amer Genl Corp	27	28
Amer Home Pr	62	63
Amer Intl	90	90
Amer Stores	42	42
Amer T & T	56	56
Ameritech	41	41
Amoco	54	54
Anheuser-Busch	48	49
Apple Computer	33	33
Archer Daniels	26	26
Arkla	8	8
Armco	6	6
Armstrng Wrld	55	55
Asarco	26	25
Ashland Oil	37	37
Atl Richfield	110	111
Auto Data Pro	52	52
Avery Dennison	28	28
Avon Products	53	53
Baker Hughes	21	21
Baltm Gas & El	24	24
Banc One	37	37
BankAmerica	44	45
Bank of NY	55	56
Bankers Tr NY	83	84
Barnett Banks	41	42
Bausch & Lomb	51	52
Baxter Intl	23	24
Becton Dicknsn	36	36
Bell Atlantic	55	55
BellSouth	58	59
Black & Decker	20	20
Block (H&R)	43	43
Boeing	43	43
Boise Cascade	27	27
Borden Inc	15	15
Bristol Myrs Sq	56	57
Browning Ferris	29	29
Brunswick	20	20
Burlington Nthn	63	64
CBS	305	308
CNA Financial	77	79
CPC Intl	48	48
CSX	88	91
Campbell Soup	37	38
Can Pacific	17	18
Cpll Cities ABC	668	664
Cpll Holdings	35	35
Carolina Pwr	28	29
Caterpillar	104	104
Central & SW	28	28
Champion Intl	33	33
Chase Manhat	35	36
Chemical Bk	38	39
Chevron Corp	94	95
Chrysler	61	61
Chubb Corp	78	79
Cigna Corp	68	68
Citicorp	42	43
Clorox	52	52
Coastal Corp	31	31
Coca Cola	41	41
Colgate-Palmolive	61	60
Columbia Gas	25	25
Commonw Ed	27	27
Compaq Comp	97	87
Comp Ass Intl	39	38
Conagra	26	26
Cons Edison	31	31
Cons Nat Gas	46	46
Cons Rail	63	65
Cooper Inds	41	41
Corning Inc	32	32
Crown Cork	39	39
Dana Corp	59	60
Dayton Hudson	66	66
Deere	81	81
Delta Air Lines	55	56
Deluxe Corp	34	34
Detroit Edison	29	29
Digital Equip	29	29
Dillard Dept St	35	36
Disney (Walt)	46	47
Dominion Res	42	42
Donnelley (RR)	30	30
Dover Corp	61	61
Dow Chemical	63	63
Dow Jones	39	40
Dresser	22	22
Duke Power	41	41
Dun & Brdstreet	63	63
Du Pont	55	56
Eastman Kodak	44	44

	Feb 3 midday	Feb 2 close
Eaton Corp	59	60
Emerson Elec	63	63
Engelhard Corp	26	25
Enron Corp	33	33
Ethyl Corp	18	19
Exxon	66	67
FMC Corp	48	48
FPL Group	35	36
Federal Express	75	75
Fed Nat Mtge	86	87
First Chicago	48	49
First Interstate	67	68
First Union Rlty	9	9
Fleet Finl Grp	39	35
Fluor Corp	45	46
Ford Motor	68	67
GTE Corp	33	34
Gannett	55	56
Gap Inc Del	41	41
Gen Dynamics	93	93
Gen Electric	108	109
Gen Mills	60	60
Gen Motors	61	61
Gen Reinsurance	111	111
Gen Signal	36	36
Genuine Parts	38	38
Georgia Pac	70	70
Gillette	60	61
Glaxo ADR	19	20
Goodrich (BF)	42	42
Goodyear Tire	47	48
Grace (W&P)	44	45
Gt Atl Pac Tea	23	23
Great Wstn Fin	18	18
Halliburton	33	34
Harcourt General	36	36
Heinz (HJ)	34	34
Hercules	109	110
Hershey Foods	48	48
Hewlett Packard	83	85
Hilton Hotels	69	70
Home Depot	38	39
Homestake Mng	22	21
Honeywell	33	33
Household Intl	34	33
Houston Inds	46	46
Humana	21	21
ITT Corp	100	99
Illinois Tool	41	42
INCO	27	28
Ingersoll Rand	38	39
Inland Steel	35	35
Intel Corp	63	65
IBM	56	56
Intl Flav & Fr	38	37
Intl Paper	70	77
James River Va	19	19
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	42	42
K Mart	19	19
Kellogg	53	54
Kerr-McGee	47	48
Kimberly-Clark	56	57
Knight-Ridder	57	58
Lilly (Eli)	59	60
Limited Inc	17	17
LIN Brdcstng	115	115
Lincoln Nat	40	41
Litton	69	69
Liz Claiborne	21	22
Lockheed Corp	65	66
Louisiana Pac	40	46
MCI Commun	27	27
Marriott Intl	30	29
Marsh & McLnn	81	81
Masco Corp	39	39
May Dept St	39	38
Maytag Corp	17	19
McCaw Cellular	53	53
McDonalds	59	59
McDonnell D	112	114
McGraw Hill	68	69
Mead Corp	47	47
Medtronic	85	87
Mellon Bk	55	55
Melville Corp	38	38
Merck Inc	35	36
Merrill Lynch	43	43
Minnesota Mine	105	106
Mobil Corp	81	81
Monsanto	79	79
Morgan (JP)	70	71
Motorola Inc	100	101
Natl Medical	15	16
Natl Semi	18	18
Natl Service Ind	27	27
Navistar Intl	24	25
NBD Bancorp	29	29
NY Times A	28	28
Newmont Mng	55	54
Niag Mohawk	19	19
Nike B	50	50
NL Industries	7	7
Nordstrom	34	34
Norfolk Sthrn	72	73
Nthn State Pwr	43	43
Norwest Corp	27	27
Nynex Corp	39	39
Occidental Pet	18	18
Ohio Edison	21	22
Oracle Systems	32	33

	Feb 3 midday	Feb 2 close
Oryx Energy Co	19	19
Owens Corning	45	45
PNC Financial	29	28
PPG Industries	79	80
Paccar Inc	57	58
Pacificorp	17	18
Pac Enterprises	23	23
Pac Gas & Elec	33	33
Pac Telesis	56	57
Pall Corp	18	18
Panhandle East	25	25
Paramnt Comm	78	78
Parker Hannifin	37	37
Penney (JC)	53	53
Pennzoil	55	55
Pepsico	39	39
Pfizer	62	64
Phelps Dodge	55	56
Philadel Elec	29	29
Philip Morris	59	59
Phillips Pet	30	30
Pitney Bowes	44	44
Polaroid	33	33
PriceCostco	17	17
Procter & Gmbl	58	58
Pub Serv E & G	31	31
Quaker Oats	64	65
Ralston Purina	44	44
Raychem Corp	37	37
Raytheon	66	66
Reebok Intl	34	34
Reynolds Metals	51	53
Roadway Srvcs	69	70
Rockwell Intl	40	41
Rohm & Haas	59	59
Royal Dutch	108	109
Rubbermaid	31	31
Safeco Corp	57	58
St Paul's Cos	86	87
Salomon Inc	48	48
Santa Fe Pac	25	25
Sara Lee Corp	21	21
Stecorp	19	19
Schering Plough	61	63
Schlumberger	60	60
Scott Paper	45	46
Seagram	30	30
Sears Roebuck	51	51
Shell Trans	65	65
Sherwin Wilms	34	34
Skyline Corp	20	20
Snap-On-Tools	41	43
Southern Co	42	42
Sthwestern Bell	40	40
Sprint Corp	37	37
Stanley Works	44	44
Sun Company	31	31
Sun Microsys	26	26
Suntrust	46	46
Supervalu	39	40
Syntex Corp	15	15
Sysco Corp	27	27
TRW Inc	75	76
Tandem Comp	13	13
Tandy Corp	40	40
Telecom Corp	3	3
Teledyne	22	22
Temple Inland	52	53
Tenneco	56	57
Texaco	67	67
Texas Inst	72	72
Texas Utilities	38	38
Textron	59	59
Time Warner	39	40
Times-Mirror	36	36
Timken	35	35
Torchmark	47	47
Toys R Us	36	37
Transamerica	53	54
Travelers	42	42
Tribune	60	60
Tyco Labs	53	54
UAL Corp	145	146
UST Inc	28	28
USX Marathon	18	18
Unilever NV	118	119
Union Camp	49	49
Union Carbide	25	26
Union Pacific	64	64
Unisys Corp	14	14
USAIR Group	14	14
USF&G Corp	15	15
US Life	40	39
US West	42	42
United Tech	66	66
Unocal Corp	29	29
Upjohn	29	29
VF Corp	46	46
WMX Tech	29	29
Wal-Mart Stores	27	27
Warner-Lambert	65	65
Wells Fargo	135	136
Westinghouse El	14	14
Weyerhaeuser	49	49
Whirlpool	71	71
Whitman	15	15
Winn Dixie	49	49
Woolworth	24	25
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	45	46
Xerox	96	96

RECENT ISSUES

Baring Emrg Euro	74½	+½
Baring Emrg Eur Wts	42½	+½
Computerised Fin Sis (90)	125	...
Fairbairn Euro Smlr (100)	98½	...
Finsbury U/writing Inv	113	...
For & Col Smaller (100)	121½	...
Friends Prov Ethical (60)	60	...
Friends Prov Uts (120)	128	...
Friends Prov Zero Pf (60)	62	...
Pantheon Warrants	83	...
Rackwood (40)	39	−2
Rossmont (10)	12	+½
Thornton Pan Euro Wts	14	...
Thornton Zero Div Pf	52	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Anglo Irish n/p (48)	19	...
Bersiford n/p (120)	112	...
Crest Nichlsn n/p (88)	24	+4
Halkin n/p (68)	1½	...
Ramus n/p (25)	1½	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Caffyns	465p (+40p)
TJ Lovell	157p (+17p)
Lambert	405p (+60p)

FALLS:

Dalgety	498p (-15p)
Reed Int	945p (-15p)
Br Aerospace	553p (-20p)
Caradon	424p (-16p)
De La Rue	945p (-20p)

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	16,000	Cadbury	2,200	MEPC	1,100	Scot Power	1,200
Abbey Natl	3,500	Caradon	5,900	Marks Spr	3,700	Sears	7,900
Allid-Lyons	2,600	Carlton Cms	1,800	NFC	1,200	Svrn Trent	1,500
Anglian W	1,300	Coats Vyla	2,200	NatWst Bk	6,300	Shell Trans	8,200
Argyll Gp	4,600	Cm Union	1,900	Nat Power	2,400	Siebe	2,800
Arjo Wiggin	1,200	Courtaulds	640	Nth Wst W	3,400	SmKl Bch	4,500
AB Foods	410	Enterpr Oil	1,500	Nthn Fds	1,300	Smith Nph	3,700
BAA	1,100	Forte	1,300	P & O	3,500	Sthrn Elec	1,800
BAT Inds	13,000	GRE	2,700	Pearson	5,500	Std Chartd	1,200
BOC	2,500	GUS	2,000	PowerGen	1,500	Sun Allnce	3,600
BP	16,000	Gen Acc	1,300	Prudential	44,000	TI Gp	921
BTR	3,900	Gen Elec	5,700	RMC	623	TSB	5,400
BT	3,500	Glaxo	6,600	RTZ	1,500	Tesco	3,600
Bk of Scot	1,500	Granada	1,300	Rank Org	985	Thames W	2,100
Barclays	4,500	Grand Met	3,400	Reckitt Col	670	Thrn EMI	2,600
Bass	1,200	Guinness	4,100	Redland	1,700	Tomkins	2,200
Blue Circle	4,100	HSBC	3,100	Reed Intl	2,800	Unilever	1,600
Boots	2,600	Hanson	22,000	Rentokil	1,000	Utd Bisc	1,300
Bowater	1,500	ICI	2,300	Reuters	878	Vodafone	3,200
Brit Aero	4,900	Inchcape	946	Rolls Royce	8,700	Warburg (SG)	794
Brit Airways	6,200	Kingfisher	2,400	Rsl Ins	2,200	Wellcome	3,700
Brit Gas	6,200	Ladbroke	3,200	Ryl Bk Scot	4,100	Whitbread 'A'	641
Brit Steel	14,000	Land Secs	1,600	Sainsbury	3,700	Wlms Hld	2,100
Burmah Cstl	360	Legal & Gn	1,700	Schroders	44	Wolseley	475
Cable Wire	3,400	Lloyds Bk	3,900	Scot & New	565	Zeneca	2,200

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	3948.81 (−26.73)
S&P Composite	473.91 (−3.09)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Avge ... 20174.82 (−75.21)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ... 11851.13 (+65.50)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index ... 435.33 (−2.05)

Sydney: AO ... 2340.6 (+26.5)

Frankfurt:
DAX ... 2151.72 (−32.29)

FT 30 share: ... 2693.6 (−19.6)

Brussels:
General ... 7773.12 (−11.02)

Paris: CAC-40 ... 2321.99 (−33.94)

Zurich: SKA Gen ... 743.20 (−2.00)

London:

FT A All-Share	1754.48 (−9.63)
FT Non Financials	1853.93 (−16.43)
FT Gold Mines	237.7 (−0.8)
FT Fixed Interest	131.60 (−0.53)
FT Govt Secs	109.56 (−0.49)
Bargains	45669
SEAQ Volume	1096.0m
USM (Datastream)	198.44 (−0.06)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
January 24	February 4	April 21	May 3

Calls 3/2/94: Acatos & Hutch, Aetna, Babcock, Birtrace, Bricklers, Carlisle, Coal Inv, Emess, GWR, Haden MacLellan, Hanson Wts, N Harr, LBSL, Mayflower, Microvitec, NHL, News Intl, Osprey, Park Fd, Proteus, Quadrant, Renison, Schroder SplCap, Sleepy Kids, Telemetrix, Tullow Oil, Upton & Sthrn. **Puts** Acatos & Hutch, Birtrace, Grevstar, N Hay, Park Fd, Tiphook, Upton & Sthrn. **Puts & Calls** Sare Carp, Upton & Sthrn.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 94	3543.0	3543.0	3483.0	3494.0	20757
Previous open interest: 74554	Jun 94	3526.0	3535.0	3526.0	3509.0	90
Three Month Sterling	Mar 94	94.66	94.67	94.59	94.61	30243
Previous open interest: 427809	Jun 94	94.84	94.85	94.76	94.78	33859
	Sep 94	94.86	94.87	94.77	94.80	13611
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 94	96.54	96.55	96.53	96.52	768
Previous open interest: 11928	Jun 94	96.24	96.24	96.23	96.24	293
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 94	94.42	94.43	94.31	94.32	85839
Previous open interest: 880254	Jun 94	94.86	94.87	94.72	94.74	104559
Long Gilt	Mar 94	118-20	118-25	117-08	117-21	154191
Previous open interest: 110298	Jun 94	117-04	117-06	117-04	117-02	62
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 94	113.97	113.99	113.74	113.76	1590
	Jun 94	112.66	112.72	112.63	112.61	309
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 94	100.37	100.45	99.66	99.77	239278
Previous open interest: 169681	Jun 94	100.31	100.37	99.65	99.71	1466
German Gov Bd Bobl	Mar 94	103.06	103.12	102.61	102.65	1411
Previous open interest: 5420	Jun 94					0
Three month ECU	Mar 94	93.95	93.96	93.85	93.86	2409
Previous open interest: 25291	Jun 94	94.50	94.51	94.40	94.40	1817
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 94	96.09	96.11	96.04	96.05	9816
Previous open interest: 56437	Jun 94	96.39	96.40	96.32	96.34	4606
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 94	119.85	119.00	118.07	116.30	69760
Previous open interest: 99575	Jun 94	119.12	119.22	116.58	118.56	582

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 81.9 (day's range 81.9-82.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Feb 3	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.9025-2.9110	2.9032-2.9068	¼pr-¼ds	¼-¼pr
Brussels	53.52-53.87	53.55-53.65	3-8ds	13-21ds
Copenhagen	10.0520-10.0920	10.0520-10.0680	¼-⅝ds	1-2¾ds
Dublin	1.0370-1.0405	1.0375-1.0402	4-7ds	15-20ds
Frankfurt	2.5912-2.5983	2.5915-2.5948	1-¼pr	¼-⅝pr
Lisbon	260.00-262.57	260.00-260.63	99-109ds	303-325ds
Madrid	210.33-211.70	210.33-210.63	53-62ds	169-186ds
Milan	2520.60-2531.40	2520.60-2524.60	5-7ds	17-19ds
Montreal	1.9810-1.9910	1.9810-1.9839	0.30-0.25pr	0.58-0.51pr
New York	1.4930-1.4990	1.4930-1.4940	0.27-0.25pr	0.78-0.75pr
Oslo	11.1260-11.1710	11.1260-11.1420	¾-1ds	1¼-⅝pr
Paris	8.7950-8.8280	8.7950-8.8090	⅝-⅞ds	1⅞-2⅜ds
Stockholm	11.7530-11.8450	11.7530-11.7770	1¼-2¼ds	4¾-6¼ds
Tokyo	161.31-162.18	161.31-161.58	½-⅜pr	1⅝-1½pr
Vienna	18.16-18.31	18.16-18.20	¼-⅝ds	½-1¼ds
Zurich	2.1611-2.1796	2.1611-2.1641	¼-¼pr	¾-⅝pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4950-1.4976
Australia dollar	2.0928-2.0973
Bahrain dinar	0.5575-0.5695
Brazil cruzeiro*	713.40-715.09
Cyprus pound	0.7675-0.7835
Finland marka	8.2245-8.3405
Greece drachma	370.0-377.0
Hong Kong dollar	11.5732-11.5825
India rupee	46.47-47.43
Kuwait dinar KD	0.44-0.45
Malaysia ringgit	4.1470-4.1529
Mexico peso	4.58-4.68
New Zealand dollar	2.6220-2.6284
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.542-5.668
Singapore dollar	2.3758-2.3790
S Africa rand (fin)	6.5805-6.6300
S Africa rand (com)	5.122-5.130
U A E dirham	5.4305-5.5545

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DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.3966-1.3986
Austria	12.17-12.18
Belgium (Com)	35.75-35.79
Canada	1.3273-1.3283
Denmark	6.7233-6.7283
France	5.8742-5.8792
Germany	1.7298-1.7308
Hong Kong	7.7232-7.7242
Ireland	1.4385-1.4415
Italy	1683.3-1684.8
Japan	107.9-108.0
Malaysia	2.7675-2.7695
Netherlands	1.938-1.939
Norway	7.4394-7.4444
Portugal	174.2-174.5
Singapore	1.586-1.587
Spain	140.66-140.76
Sweden	7.8631-7.8731
Switzerland	1.4462-1.4472

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5½ Finance Hse 5½

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 5 Week fixed: 5⅜

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth 5. Sell: 2 mth 5; 3 mth 4⅞.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	5⅜-5¼	5⅛-5¼	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-4⅞	
Sterling Money Rates: Interbank	5⅜-5⅛	5⅜-5⅛	5⅜-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛
	5⅜-5⅛	5⅜-5⅛	5⅜-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛

Overnight: open 6, close 5½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps	5⅛	n/a	5⅛	5¼	5⅛
Sterling CDs	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛
Dollar CDs	3.12-3.09	n/a	3.27-3.24	3.42-3.39	3.75-3.70
Building Society CDs	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1994. Agreed rates Feb 26, 1994 to Mar 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.70%. Reference rate Jan 1, 1994 to Jan 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.434%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3⅛	3⅝-3½	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅝-5½	6⅛-5⅞
French Franc:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞
Swiss Franc:	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-3⅞	3⅞-3⅞	4⅛-3⅞
Yen:	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-1⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $384.30-384.70 Close: $385.90-386.30 High: $386.70-387.20 Low: $383.50-384.00 Krugerrand: $384.50-387.50 (£256.50-258.50)

Sovereigns: Old $89.00-92.00 (£59.50-61.50) New $89.00-92.00 (£59.50-61.50)

Platinum: $392.25 (£261.60) Silver: $5.35 (£3.56) Palladium: $126.85 (£84.60)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Allid Lyon	600	49	68	76	7	21	27
(*642)	650	21	39	49	26	45	50
Argyll	280	18	26	30	13	22	25
(*282)	300	11	16	23	25	34	37
ASDA	60	7	10	12	4	6	8
(*62)	70	3	7	8	12	12	14
Boots	550	31	47	57	18	31	38
(*556)	600	9	20	29	50	61	65
Br Airways	460	48	64	74	12	21	28
(*491)	500	22	34	44	27	40	46
BP	390	33	41	47	9	15	16
(*402)	420	17	25	32	27	38	34
Br Steel	140	12	16	20	6	12	14
(*142)	160	4	5	12	20	25	27
C & W	525	31	45	—	21	32	—
(*536)	550	19	35	44	34	47	57
CU	650	38	56	65	16	28	34
(*674)	700	15	27	38	45	55	61
ICI	800	48	62	76	34	50	60
(*812)	850	19	34	45	68	79	91
Kingfisher	650	33	51	64	27	34	48
(*651)	700	17	35	43	55	66	77
Land Sec	750	54	44	51	18	23	36
(*771)	800	12	22	33	49	65	69
M & S	420	23	32	40	11	20	23
(*426)	460	7	14	22	33	42	46
Nat West	550	41	53	60	15	22	30
(*575)	600	17	29	36	41	51	57
Sainsbury	390	29	35	44	10	25	29
(*399)	420	16	25	30	31	43	46
Shell	700	25	41	57	17	26	34
(*724)	750	10	26	33	45	54	62
Smkl Bch	420	25	41	51	22	31	34
(*427)	460	12	25	34	46	55	62
Storehse	220	17	22	26	7	12	15
(*227)	240	9	17	18	19	24	25
Trafalgar	115	16	21	—	7	11	—
(*122)	130	13	14	22	4	14	15
Unilever	1200	55	75	95	32	48	54
(*1226)	1250	28	51	71	60	73	79
Zeneca	750	63	86	82	22	35	47
(*787)	800	35	44	57	40	61	72

Series		Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Grnd Met	460	20	35	40	7	16	25
(*473)	500	5	16	25	31	39	47
Ladbroke	200	4	17	23	6	17	22
(*203)	220	3	6	15	20	30	35
Utd Bisc	360	14	23	29	7	20	26
(*368)	390	4	10	17	27	41	46

February 3, 1994 Tot: 41430 Calls: 29034 Puts: 3... FT-SE Calls: 6670 Puts: 11260

*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
BAA	1000	54	72	92	29	48	56
(*1062)	1100	30	48	67	57	74	82
Thames W	500	27	37	45	21	38	41
(*500)	550	5	17	23	53	72	74

Series		Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
BAT Ind	500	21	36	41	9	24	39
(*511)	550	4	13	21	43	59	66
BTR	360	25	34	41	2	12	14
(*385)	390	7	16	25	12	26	29
Br Aero	500	46	72	89	9	25	33
(*540)	550	21	46	64	29	52	58
Br Telcm	460	16	29	37	4	12	20
(*470)	500	2	9	17	32	35	43
Cadbury	493	29	34	—	3	15	—
(*517)	542	3	11	—	29	45	—
Guinness	500	38	50	59	4	18	27
(*531)	550	8	22	34	27	45	54
GEC	330	16	27	32	3	7	15
(*344)	360	2	11	16	19	23	31
Hanson	280	17	21	25	2	7	11
(*295)	300	4	10	16	9	16	21
LASMO	130	11	19	24	5	13	17
(*135)	140	5	14	19	10	19	23
Lucas	220	18	24	30	3	9	14
(*237)	240	5	13	20	12	19	24
Pilkngtn	180	13	19	25	3	9	16
(*193)	200	3	9	15	14	21	27
Prudential	360	15	17	24	11	19	24
(*362)	390	2	6	12	32	41	43
Redland	600	29	44	53	7	28	37
(*621)	650	6	19	31	35	58	66
Royal Ins	317	24	—	—	3	—	—
(*336)	346	7	—	—	16	—	—
Tesco	220	9	15	21	7	16	19
(*222)	240	2	7	13	20	29	31
Vodafone	500	27	51	68	10	29	45
(*513)	550	6	28	45	42	57	70
Williams	390	12	24	26	7	20	26
(*394)	420	2	9	17	26	40	44

FT-SE INDEX (*3492)

	3350	3400	3450	3500	3550	3600
Calls						
Feb	154	110	73	42	22	9
Mar	169	132	98	70	49	32
Apr	188	151	120	91	69	50
May	208	172	142	113	92	71
Jun	—	194	—	134	—	91
Puts						
Feb	7	12	25	46	77	120
Mar	25	39	55	77	109	140
Apr	45	58	76	97	126	158
May	91	73	92	114	145	173
Jun	—	89	—	125	—	185

Series		Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Abby Nat	500	19	29	34	21	28	35
(*501)	550	4	11	16	60	62	58
Amstrad	40	4	—	11	2	4	6
(*41)	50	1	—	4	3	9	9
Barclays	500	34	50	62	12	24	34
(*521)	550	13	26	38	40	52	61
Blue Cir	300	21	30	37	14	25	24
(*307)	330	7	17	25	32	43	43
Br Gas	330	27	31	26	4	10	14
(*351)	360	4	13	22	19	26	30
Dixons	200	21	29	33	7	16	22
(*210)	220	9	19	23	15	20	27
Forte	240	14	27	27	9	15	22
(*263)	260	6	12	19	22	29	32
Hillsdwn	160	27	22	28	2	7	4
(*178)	180	6	13	17	6	17	15
Lonrho	160	20	29	34	6	12	17
(*172)	180	9	19	25	16	22	24
Sears	120	10	17	19	2	6	9
(*126)	130	5	8	10	9	12	13
Thrn Emi	1100	67	95	112	17	31	50
(*1145)	1150	36	66	47	35	52	73
Tomkins	240	14	22	27	9	15	20
(*264)	260	5	13	19	21	25	30
TSB	240	15	20	27	13	15	22
(*252)	300	5	13	16	27	32	36
Wellcome	650	16	56	75	27	45	56
(*656)	700	7	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Series		Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Glaxo	650	49	72	84	30	46	65
(*676)	700	5	40	61	39	51	55
HSBC	1050	63	95	130	64	87	112
(*1057)	1100	44	75	106	94	114	175
Reuter	1750	107	149	186	92	119	132
(*1764)	1800	75	122	162	130	176	152

Series		Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
R-Royce	170	9	—	—	5	—	—
(*180)	180	2	—	—	17	—	—

Series		Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Fisons	130	16	22	26	7	12	17
(*126)	140	11	17	23	10	14	23

Series		Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Eastrn Elc	750	25	45	59	7	23	36
(*752)	800	9	22	24	41	45	56

Series		Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Natl Pwr	460	40	57	61	9	16	25
(*487)	500	17	30	41	24	38	40
Scot Pwr	420	27	35	44	15	24	[illegible]
(*463)	500	6	17	27	41	47	56

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Coffee soured following an aggressive upswing in New York. There was no firm news, but there were rumours that a major European roaster is planning to take delivery of a large quantity of US certified coffee. On top of that news was filtering in that the Brazilian exporters are willing to accept the government's proposal that the coffee retention programme should be run by the private sector.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

[illegible]

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

[illegible]

NO 7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

[illegible]

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

[illegible]

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

[illegible]

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (/kg)

[illegible]

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Mar	97.40
May	99.20
Jun	98.00
Sep	84.40
Nov	90.35

Volume: 363

BARLEY (close £/t)

Mar	100.90
May	101.75
Sep	92.40
Nov	94.40
Jan	96.40

Volume: 35

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	
Dec	
Feb	
Apr	

Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	unq	162.5
Apr	106.5	107.2
May	126.5	127.2

Volume: 55

RUBBER

No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
Mar ... 63.00-65.50

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): A featureless market searched for direction.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	15.45	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Feb)	15.45	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Mar)	14.85	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	16.05	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	16.00	n/c

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	155 (+3)	157 (-2)
Gasoil EEC	152 (-3)	153 (+3)
Non EEC 1H Mar	155 (-3)	157 (-3)
Non EEC 1H Apr	153 (-3)	155 (+3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	72 (-3)	75 (-4)
Naphtha	140 (-4)	143 (-4)

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GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Feb	152.25-52.50	May	147.75-48.00
Mar	152.75 BID	Jun	147.50 BID
Apr	149.75-50.00	Jul	148.00-49.00

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BRENT (6.00pm)

Mar	14.90 BID	Jun	14.80-14.84
Apr	14.66-14.71	Jul	14.91-14.96
May	14.69-14.72		Vol. 34413

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Feb	154.00 SLR	May	unq
Mar	159.00 BID	Jun	unq
Apr	unq		Vol: 0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Feb 94	1165	1151	1165
Mar 94	1154	1170	1184
Apr 94	1225	1210	1225
Jul 94	unq		1097

Vol: 191 lots. Open int: 2162. Index 1159 -4

(Official) (Volume prev day)

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1496.5-1498.0	1519.0-1520.0	173275
Lead ($/tonne)	506.5-507.0	519.00-519.50	319925
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1006.5-1007.0	1026.0-1026.5	480100
Tin ($/tonne)	5420.0-5425.0	5470.0-5475.0	32115
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1271.5-1272.5	1290.0-1291.0	1806275
Nickel ($/tonne)	5755.0-5760.0	6020.0-6025.0	89308

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Delivering the Post Office into the private sector

The drive to privatise the Post Office appears to be back on the political agenda. Philip Bassett considers options for its future

Behind the public privatisation of the coal industry — currently going through the Commons — the shifting into private ownership of the largest organisation still remaining in the public sector is quietly moving closer: the privatisation of Britain's Post Office is, albeit cautiously, back on the Government's agenda.

Privatising the Post Office — first mooted properly when Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, announced in July 1992 a full review of the future of the Post Office — had seemed dead in the water. The review itself had stretched out to an embarrassing 18 months. The key ministerial proponent, Edward Leigh, had been dismissed by John Major. The proposal made no appearance in this year's programme for legislation in the Queen's Speech.

But Mr Heseltine has now lifted the skirts of the Post Office review to give outsiders a sly peek at what may be the Government's real strategy; and those closely concerned with it — especially those senior managers in the Post Office itself who have long yearned for privatisation, but who, of course, could never declare themselves — are now convinced that the almost-halted drive to privatise the Post Office is back in progress.

"The political difficulties are still considerable," one senior Post Office executive said. "But it's still to play for."

What has turned the scale is Mr Heseltine's appearance at the Commons' all-party Trade and Industry Select Committee this week, billed privately by officials at the Department of Trade and Industry as a rote duty that would not take the issue much further forward. But Post Office managers are now drawing together the implications of what Mr Heseltine said — and coming up with the conclusion that the privatisation push is back on.

After his dismissal, Mr Leigh told *The Times* that the review had come down in favour of privatisation (although, in fact, the "review", as such, does not exist currently as a single, comprehensive government document, but is a long series of DTI papers by the officials who make up the review team).

But even before the Government's difficulties rose to their current level of political, economic, moral and personal complexity, ministers had concluded that the Post Office privatisation potato really was far too hot to handle. After extensive soundings among Conservative business managers and backbenchers, their judgment was that privatisation would not command a majority in the Commons, either on the floor of the House or in committee. Tory MPs would rebel, in considerable numbers. Losing the Bill would be hugely humiliating. The message was clear: back off.

But although the message was clear, what ministers want is clear too. When he announced the review, Mr Heseltine stressed publicly (though not many believed him) that he was neutral about privatisation. Not so now. "There is," he declared this week, "an overwhelmingly powerful case for moving the Post Office into the private sector."

Post Office managers, chafing at what they see as a yoke which has been lifted almost everywhere else, are desperate for the freedom that would imply. That yoke is real, too. Perhaps the most telling moment from Mr Heseltine this week, characterising the extraordinarily hands-on relationship of a government and a nationalised industry, came over the bedrock point for any organisation of setting the price for its goods or services — in the Post Office's case, the price of a stamp.

"The price of stamps is bound to be a political decision," Mr Heseltine said, "because we own the Post Office." He added, witheringly: "It's not left to the Post Office *management* to set the price of stamps."

DTI officials accept there are three broad options for the future of the Post Office:

☐ Status quo. Faced with rapid technological change, cutting into traditional postal markets in the shape of faxes, computer data transmission and other developments, Post Office managers insist that to stand still is to die. Although the Post Office has for 17 consecutive years made subsidy-free profits — an astounding record for Britain's nationalised industries — and will continue to do so, looking ten years down the track, senior Post Office managers believe that that profit stream will dry up unless the Post Office moves vigorously into new markets. Mr Heseltine accepts this; and although standing still is always a genuine option for governments — perhaps the option most often taken — ministers see the real danger of the Post Office slipping from being a success to becoming a problem.

☐ Commercial freedom. As a halfway house, Mike Heron, the Post Office chairman, and Bill Cockburn, his chief executive, have been pushing hard the idea of commercial freedom.

In increasingly passionate appeals, they want the lifting of government restrictions that they say prevent them from a range of commercial deals — joint ventures, setting up foreign companies, raising capital — which they say many of their overseas competitors are able to do. Postal administrations in Sweden, France, Germany, Canada and The Netherlands, for instance, have together formed a joint venture company with TNT, the Australian-based parcel operator. Canada Post has acquired Purolator, a North American courier operator. Sweden Post has acquired two electronic mail companies, and an information technology firm. New Zealand Post operates its Upstream billing service through joint ventures. The Dutch PTT is ranging widest: database management, selling insurance and travel services, renting cars, offering employment agency services, acquiring businesses in Eastern Europe — even setting up PPIC (UK), a sales arm in Britain aiming to persuade international mailers to use The Netherlands as their mailing point.



The majority of local Post Offices are already run as small businesses

In addition, the Post Office wants clear of the Government's public sector financing system, under which it has to contribute increasing cash sums to the Treasury coffers — £66 million last year, £180 million this, £230 million next. Mr Heseltine says no. Backed by the Treasury, no absolutely to the public finances easement. No, too, to commercial freedom: the Government sees no way in terms of its commitment to fair free-market competition of allowing a public sector organisation, whose financial debts and risks would in effect be underwritten by government, to move into the private sector to swamp organisations already operating there.

Post Office yearnings to bid for the delivery of Sunday newspapers, reported in *The Times*, for instance, were seen as a bravado indication of what we could do by the Post Office — but by the Treasury and DTI as a clear sign of precisely the anti-competitive practice about which they were concerned.

☐ Privatisation. So if not the status quo, and now apparently not commercial freedom, privatisation is the only other course left. But worries about MPs' real concerns about the electoral impact of privatisation — the Post Office calculates that the average MP has 35 Post Offices in his or her constituency — seemed to have ruled that out too. Not quite so. What DTI ministers are now considering is a more subtle approach. Not outright privatisation of it all — but part-privatisation. What really concerns MPs, and their constituents, both the DTI and the Post Office have found, is not the privatisation of the movement of mail, but of local high street Post Offices.

What ministers are now stressing is no change here: they emphasise that the vast majority — 19,000 out of 20,000 — of local offices are already in the private sector, run as small businesses by sub-postmasters. Supported, of course, by a £30 million subsidy, which for even the smallest is worth about £2,500 annually; and to maintain that, and assuage MPs' and electors' fears — and to keep a cheap and highly efficient method of delivering government benefits such as pensions — the Post Office's £1 billion counters business would be kept in the public sector. But the Royal Mail, together with the Post Office's loss-making Parcelforce parcel-carrying arm that Mr Heseltine said 18 months ago he wanted to privatise, but which the Post Office has made a strong case for keeping with the mails, would be privatised. The split would give the Government what it wants ideologically and financially (the sale would generate some £2 billion for the Treasury), the Post Office what it says it needs operationally and — ministers hope — would assuage the fears of MPs and give the whole affair the Commons majority, ministers know it needs.

Such a strategy is clearly not without risks. In particular, such a move might well not be enough to calm Tory backbenchers' already highly jangled nerves. But for the Government, and covertly pro-privatisation Post Office senior managers, it is not only a risk worth taking, but one with what they gauge as a real chance of success.

"Had he come to the view that he was not going to do it," says one Post Office executive of Mr Heseltine and privatisation, "we would have heard before now. He's canny. It's not something he actually has to rush into in the next week or two. He and Ken Clarke will go to John Major and they will decide it at the right time. But, it all looks on again."

TEMPUS

Shopping spree

GIVEN the impressive premiums to net assets that property companies are trading on, it is understandable that TransAtlantic has brought forward the flotation of its shopping centres by a year. Why should it hang around when it can sell the shares in Capital Shopping Centres at tomorrow's prices today?

TransAtlantic is packaging CSC in the most attractive way it can. The company is effectively a reincarnation of Capital & Counties with all the smaller and duller property removed. The use of the Lakeside centre in Thurrock as a flagship for the flotation will attract private investors. The settlement of the dispute with Sun Alliance over the Harlequin Centre in Watford should ensure that institutions are not frightened off. Besides, since CSC will be the sixth largest property company on the market, fund managers will feel almost obliged to take up their weightings.

After the float, the company should be left with net cash of £60 million, enough to fund the start of an aggressive development programme. But TransAtlantic still has questions to answer. Even after the Harlequin is fully let, the rental income will only be £40 million, which puts the company on a yield of about 5.5 per cent. This should increase as rent-free periods expire, but TransAtlantic needs to quantify it.

Valuing CSC will not be easy, since it will be the only pure retail property company of any size on the market. Land Securities has the highest proportion of retail space among the majors and is trading on a 17 per cent premium to forecast net assets. CSC's select portfolio of shopping centres is more attractive than a mixed bag of property, but TransAtlantic's controlling stake counts against it. Even so, the shares could be floated on as much as 10 per cent premium. If the figure is lower, competition for shares could be fierce, since institutional appetite for reasonably priced property with solid covenants seems undiminished.

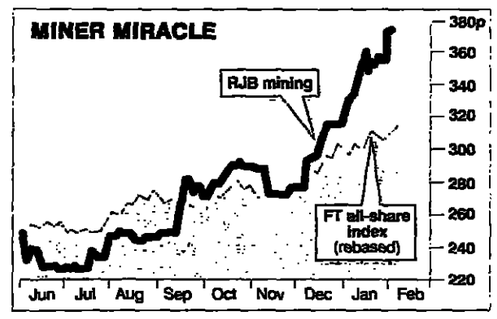
RJB Mining

RJB Mining is a company in a hurry. In the eight months since its flotation, it has made three acquisitions and one share placing, as well as taking on a lease on Clipstone Colliery, Nottinghamshire, from British Coal. Even now, it is pressing ahead with its next deal and has reached the shortlist of bidders for Rossington Colliery, South Yorkshire.

Given the state of upheaval in the coal industry, one can understand RJB's sense of urgency. There may never be an opportunity to build such a position in the industry in Britain again. RJB looks to be intent on growing large enough before the British Coal's privatisation to bid for it, or at the very least be a powerful competitor.

It is a high-risk strategy, but the latest acquisition of Monckton and the share placing give some cause for comfort. Monckton will take all of Clipstone's production, and this security of supply combined with some rationalisation should allow profits to recover to their 1991 level of £2 million. As such, the £4.7 million price tag looks cheap. The placing, meanwhile, makes the balance sheet look more robust, cutting net debt to £13 million, and gearing to under 50 per cent.

RJB's 1993 figures show that shareholders have so far received no benefit from this growth, since earnings are flat and the increase in the dividend is only 4 per cent. But the company never promised to show immediate benefits of its shift from operator to owner of its mines. The shares stand on a p/e ratio of 17, high enough given the heavy burden the company is shouldering.



The Reject Shop

UPTON & Southern's knockdown agreed offer for The Reject Shop may cause investors to gnash their teeth since it values the shares at only 40 per cent the level they were trading at on Wednesday. But the question in this sorry episode is not why Upton is getting such a bargain, but why The Reject Shop shares were so unjustifyably high.

Since the company came to market in 1988, its profits have steadily fallen and it is making unsustainably high losses. In the year to March 1989, it was making pre-tax profits of £1.5 million; today, it can run up a loss of £2.4 million in just six months.

Just how little room for manoeuvre The Reject Shop had is clear from its balance sheet. The profit and loss reserve at the end of the first half contains just £2,000.

Upton, which is also making losses, believes the enlarged group will have sufficient critical mass to be profitable. But the problems at The Reject Shop are not simply about lack of scale. The company tried to counteract the fall in the housing market by emphasising its giftware range but in doing so lost its core furniture and household products buyers. It also priced giftware too high, just when the consumer was concerned about value.

Turning the chain round will be a challenge. Ikea is well established and it has now rejuvenated Habitat too. Successful American companies such as Pier 1 Imports are also entering the market and, with their proven formats and global sourcing, make The Reject Shop look outdated and stale. In fact, The Reject Shop's predicament makes one wonder why it should ever have been allowed to be floated at all, and with hindsight that flotation looks a very cynical move indeed on the part of the management and its advisers.

Elf Aquitaine

ONE has to admire the chutzpah of the French privatisation programme. Last year, it successfully floated Banque Nationale de Paris, while its chairman was telling anyone that listened that its profits would be hit for six by the recession and bad debts. Now it is selling its remaining interest in Elf Aquitaine, an oil and healthcare group, while the oil price is still on the floor and drug companies are being shunned by all fashion-conscious investors.

Admittedly, the French government is taking no chances in the sell-off. It needs the money too badly for that. It has rounded up the usual clutch of friends as firm shareholders. BNP, Elf's banker, is taking a 1.4 per cent stake, since — predictably — Elf bought shares in BNP's privatisation.

The public offer this week is priced at at Fr385 a share, a generous 10 per cent discount to the market, and offers an attractive 5 per cent yield. Demand is likely to be so high that the full retail claw-back will operate, reducing the size of the institutional placing by 20 per cent. This in turn should ensure that the placing price will be set at more than Fr400.

The price does not look bad, since Elf's net assets are estimated to be as much as Fr470 a share. Like British privatisations, it shows that investors will buy anything when the price is low and the marketing is intense.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Luck takes a hand at Coopers

ACCOUNTANTS? Timid and boring? Think again. Top-level management changes at Coopers & Lybrand, where Peter Smith is set to take over as chairman from Brandon Gough in May, have cast the spotlight on Vic Luck, new head of UK management consultancy, and the first of the new team to take up his post. And the firm may soon be a different place, if his reputation is anything to go by. As head of Coopers' office in Iran in the days of the Shah, Luck and his family were caught up in the revolution. They were evacuated after an incident on Christmas Day 1978, in which Luck was trapped in his car by a mob of up to 500 fundamentalists — a tense situation saved only by the timely arrival of the army. Years later, in a lighter moment, he found himself playing the part of an SAS man during a "team building" course on the Isle of Wight — a role which saw him barrel-rolling on to a stage while rescuing passengers from a hijacked plane. He is also — though this may be a coincidence — an Arsenal supporter. Luck turned down the chance to do an MBA to join Coopers because he wanted some "real life" experience.

Warburg woe

WHAT a difference a day makes: Warburg, 24 hours after being named best broker for analytical research and most respected merchant bank in 1993, has slumped from first to sixth place in the league table of financial advisers in Europe. The laurel leaves have gone instead to Lazard as top financial adviser on European cross-border deals last year. Lazard clinched first place with 22 transactions totalling £4.85 billion in the survey, carried out by the publication, *Acquisitions Monthly*. Lazard's biggest deal was acting for Union des Assurances de Paris on its £1.8 billion bid for 73 per cent of Vinci, the Dutch insurance and financial services group. Morgan Grenfell finished runner-up, with 44 deals totalling £3.56 billion. Goldman Sachs was third with 32 cross-border transactions worth £3.55 billion. Given Warburg's legendary dominance of City league tables it might be asking too much for its rivals, magnanimous to a fault, not to indulge in just a little *Schadenfreude* at the master's Euro slip.



Political smoke

CHOKING noises from Germany, where politicians, notoriously fond of smoke-filled rooms, are about to consider anti-smoking laws. Potential victims include Chancellor Helmut Kohl, fond of the occasional pipe of Navy Cut; Treuhand boss Birgit Breuel, said to despatch 10 to 15 slim Eve cigarettes a day via a silver holder; and Roman Herzog, tipped as the country's next president with a 50-a-month Davidoff cigar habit. So far, only Theo Waigel, finance minister, has announced his intention to kick the weed, saying he is trying to give up pipe smoking after 25 years to help rescue his bronchial tubes.

Chunnel trek

EVERY PR man and woman dreams of walking on water for their clients. Richard Pollen aims to go one better — and walk below water — in a trek through the Channel Tunnel. He is one of 100 people due to tackle the 31 miles "Le Walk" from England to France on February 12 — a heart which he hopes will raise at least £10,000 for The Children's Society. Anyone who wants to help can ring him on (0483) 200 866. Others on the walk include Heather Beckwith, wife of property developer Peter, who will be raising funds for the National Autistic Society. Meanwhile, Securicor Communications is to sponsor the third annual London-to-Brighton charity walk organised by The Worshipful Company of Information Technologists. The walk, on May 22, will start from Streatham Common, in south London, and end at Brighton Pier.

A heart-warming tale from Malawi reaches my ears. Barry Aling of Marlin Partners, a City stockbroking firm, was touched to receive a letter from Pastor Fred Bandawe of Blantyre, lamenting that his ministry had managed to obtain a handful of sewing machines, but had been unable to progress because of a shortage of materials. His modest request? The grand sum of £170 towards the purchase of a bale of cloth, to be used to make shorts for sale in schools and markets. Aling was only too happy to oblige.

JON ASHWORTH

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0895 259 783

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Grofund Amer	172.70	181.80	+ 1.30	...
Grofund Equity	263.00	278.30	+ 2.70	1.16
Grofund Euro	207.00	217.90	- 0.70	...
Grofund Extr Bal	123.80	128.30	+ 2.60	0.00
Grofund Gilt	82.47	85.02	- 0.06	4.16
Grofund Japan	180.20	189.60	- 1.00	...

AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS
Equity & Law Hse, Corpn St, Coventry
0203 553 231

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General Acc	561.50	597.40	...	2.02
General Inc	505.90	538.20	...	2.02
UK Growth Acc	382.70	407.20	...	2.17
UK Growth Inc	268.00	285.20	...	2.17
Higher Inc Acc	717.90	763.80	...	3.06
Higher Inc Inc	429.20	456.90	...	3.06
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	196.70	207.70	...	5.34
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	100.60	106.20	...	5.34
Nth America	263.80	280.40	...	...
Far East	379.10	403.30	...	...
Europe	283.50	301.70	...	0.46
Brit Excell	76.76	81.67	...	2.26
Brit Fndmntls Acc	108.10	115.10	...	3.84
Brit Fndmntls Inc	82.11	87.36	...	3.84
Global Opps	87.98	93.60	...	...
Balanced Acc	57.65	61.34†	...	2.06
Balanced Inc	57.15	60.80†	...	2.06

ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS
80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth 0345 717 373

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	141.90	150.40	...	5.32
High Inc Equity	183.40	195.10†	+ 0.90	3.73
Worldwide Bond	271.10	287.50†	- 0.10	3.05
Capital Growth				
American Growth	318.30	340.40†	+ 3.00	.93
Asian Pacific	399.00	423.30	+ 4.50	..
Assets & Earnings	291.40	310.00	+ 1.80	1.67
Comdty & Energy	130.30	145.00	+ 1.50	.38
1992 Enterprise	100.00	106.90	+ 0.50	1.36
Euro Capital Inc	134.50	143.80	+ 1.00	.67
General	253.80	270.00†	- 1.80	2.01
Japan	129.30	138.20	- 0.80	...
Mastertrust	152.10	162.60	+ 1.00	.80
UK Growth Dist	151.90	161.50	+ 1.30	1.63
US Emerging Cos	145.30	154.40	+ 1.90	...
Income & Growth	429.00	456.30	+ 3.30	2.88
Ethical	80.32	85.44	+ 0.73	1.94
International	126.40	132.30	+ 0.50	.14
Dividend & Growth	67.94	72.27†	+ 0.53	3.51
Global Gwth & Sec	64.92	69.06	- 0.07	2.56

ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
14 Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7NS
031 220 0733

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Small Cos	1859.0	1936.0	+50.00	...

ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ
0800 833 580

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Aberdeen Portfolio	66.72	67.96†	+ 0.27	0.73
Amer Inc & Growth	47.02	49.61	+ 0.29	0.61
Cash	50.34	50.34	+ 0.01	4.77
European	110.70	117.40†	- 0.20	...
European Income	104.90	111.40	...	1.34
Exempt	1135.2	1188.1†	+ 6.50	3.20
Extra Income	58.15	63.08	- 0.33	4.18
Far East Emg Ecn	125.50	135.30	- 0.90	0.47
Fixed Interest	27.18	29.02	+ 0.06	6.35
Fund Inv Tst	197.00	210.30	- 1.00	0.81
Japan	198.80	211.90	- 1.10	..
Latin American	84.93	90.33	+ 2.76	0.55
Pacific	79.42	85.05	- 0.40	0.32
Property Share	80.93	86.39†	+ 0.33	1.52
UK Emerging Cos	74.43	79.46†	- 0.45	1.57
UK Growth	49.69	53.47	+ 0.19	2.20
World Growth	82.18	87.72	+ 0.38	0.62
Ethical	71.00	75.80	+ 0.46	2.34
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	55.96	55.96	- 0.09	7.32

ACUMA FUND MANAGERS LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 690 336

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity Income	101.75	108.24	- 0.11	2.70
UK Equity Growth	90.57	96.35	+ 0.04	1.95
European	69.96	74.42	- 0.29	0.60
Nth American	69.93	74.39	+ 0.29	0.94
Far Eastern	75.86	80.70†	- 0.28	0.31
Money	65.26	65.26†	...	3.78
Fixed Interest	74.28	79.00	- 0.20	6.15
Index Linked Gilt	70.27	74.76	- 0.16	1.08

AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD
28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF
031 549 3232

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British Growth	77.37	82.31	+ 0.85	2.12
British Income	87.04	92.59	+ 0.83	2.87
Select Portfolio	92.01	97.88	- 0.54	...

ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD
101 King's Road Brentwood CM14 4DR
0452 305 958

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amity Income	83.04	88.11	+ 0.49	1.86
Income Builder Inc	74.28	79.02†	+ 0.31	2.58

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
IFA dlg: 0793 610 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	264.20	282.40	- 0.40	2.67
Capital	462.30	494.10	- 0.10	1.57
Balanced	768.30	821.30	- 0.50	2.21
Accumulator	1366.0	1460.0	- 6.00	2.62
Income Trusts				
American Income	50.67	54.16†	- 0.13	3.29
High Income	463.10	495.00	- 1.90	3.16
Equity Income	259.50	277.40†	- 0.90	3.15
High Yield	286.60	306.30	- 0.80	3.07
Govt Securities	35.86	37.84	- 0.19	4.84
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	140.90	150.60	+ 0.30	0.23
European Growth	35.48	37.74	+ 0.04	0.42
International	172.00	183.50†	- 0.50	0.32
Japan	220.60	235.20†	- 1.20	0.01
Pacific	459.50	491.20†	- 0.30	0.16
Secs of America	444.00	472.40†	- 0.90	0.59
Wwide Assets Val	50.63	54.07	- 0.03	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	583.80	624.00	- 2.90	2.01
Conv & Gilt	52.13	55.72†	+ 0.08	3.48
Smaller Cos	192.40	205.60†	+ 1.40	1.14
2nd Smaller Cos	183.80	196.40	- 1.00	1.12
Recovery	160.30	171.30	- 0.60	1.62
Met Min & Cdty	166.30	177.70	- 0.90	0.70
Oseas Earnings	386.90	413.50†	- 1.90	1.90
Technology	165.10	176.40	- 0.30	0.02
UK Special Sits	501.60	536.20	- 0.40	1.79

B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
Manor Royal, Crawley RH10 2QP 0293 526 911

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cntrctd Out Pens	107.80	111.90	...	1.45
Foundtn Persl Pens	69.29	71.98	...	4.00

BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD
28 St John's Sq, London EC1M 4AE
071 251 6787

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capital	77.81	82.77†	- 0.23	2.45
International	66.99	71.26	..	0.47

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD
1 Rutland Court, Edinburgh EH3 8EY
031 222 4242

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
America	310.40	334.80	+ 1.80	...
Bond	129.10	135.80	- 0.70	5.78
Brit Smlr Cos	108.80	115.70	- 0.70	0.90
Conv & Gen	69.01	73.65†	- 0.45	4.73
Energy	473.20	513.70	+ 8.90	0.22
Europe	240.50	256.10	- 0.10	0.83
Euro Smlr Cos	106.70	113.40	- 0.10	0.83
Income Gwth	388.40	414.50†	+ 2.10	3.70
Japan	335.80	357.20	- 1.10	...
Pacific	125.90	133.90	- 1.40	0.61
UK Smlr Cos	54.88	58.38†	+ 0.37	0.75
Japan Fd	775.50	797.90†	...	...
Mngd Fd	187.30	199.00	- 0.60	2.45

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD
36 Queen St, London EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Brit & Oseas	308.60	324.80	...	1.12
Capital Gwth	124.40	130.90	...	2.07
Wwide Opps	205.20	216.00	..	0.44

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
11 Broadway, Stratford E15 4BJ 081 534 5544

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Trusts				
Bsst Inv Fd Inc	386.60	402.70	+ 4.10	2.15
European Bd Inc	99.53	103.00†	- 0.10	7.16
Exempt	84.51	90.14	+ 0.77	3.43
Financial	84.91	90.82	+ 0.74	1.86
500 00	508.30	543.60	+ 4.00	1.97
General	302.80	323.70	+ 2.90	2.08
Property	246.90	264.10	...	5.55
Trustee	207.00	221.40†	+ 2.70	1.63
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.30	100.30†	...	4.59
Extra Income	132.20	141.30	+ 1.30	3.55
Gilt & Fxd Int	63.94	66.08	- 0.09	7.54
Income	597.40	638.90†	+ 6.70	3.49
Income Builder	73.62	78.32	+ 0.53	4.09
Intl Income	73.71	78.42†	+ 0.59	2.59
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	127.30	135.80†	+ 0.10	2.07
Leisure	132.50	141.70	+ 1.20	0.99
Recovery	464.20	496.50	+ 5.70	2.0?
Smllr Cos Inc	46.74	50.12	- 0.36	1.74
Special Sits	317.10	339.10	+ 4.40	1.50
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	140.10	148.70	+ 1.30	0.31
Aust Acc	288.80	307.20	+ 4.80	1.16
Aust Inc	180.70	192.30	+ 3.00	1.16
Euro Gwth Inc	148.70	157.60	- 0.10	0.46
Japan & Gen Inc	187.20	199.20	- 0.80	...
Japan Spec Sits	81.96	86.82	- 0.08	...
Univ Tech Inc	82.44	87.60	- 0.30	0.39
Worldwide	189.00	200.60†	- 1.90	0.35

BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
081 658 9002

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	104.30	110.60	+ 0.60	..
Amer Smllr Cos	136.00	145.70	- 1.60	...
Cash Trust	50.51	50.51	+ 0.01	4.90
Convertibles	65.11	69.63†	+ 0.34	5.60
Eastern	330.00	358.50	+ 0.50	1.60
Equity Income	100.30	106.70†	+ 0.50	4.90
European Growth	302.70	321.80	- 0.60	1.50
Europe	217.40	231.60	...	1.50
German Growth	72.67	77.36	- 0.47	0.70
Global Bond	70.61	74.59†	- 0.10	5.30
Global Growth	137.60	146.80	+ 0.50	...
Japan Growth	218.10	234.40	- 1.40	...
Japan Sunrise	183.10	195.40	- 0.60	...
Korea Trust	84.16	94.44	- 2.78	...
Portfolio	145.60	155.30	+ 0.20	3.00
UK Growth	101.50	107.90	- 0.10	2.60
UK Smaller Cos	104.30	111.50	+ 0.10	1.80
Select Managers	81.49	87.17	+ 0.40	2.00

BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD
26-34 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL
071 250 3300

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Gwth Port Inc	84.38	89.77†	..	..
Special Oppor Inc	58.08	61.79†	..	...

BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD
5 Giltspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6441

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	196.80	210.50	- 1.00	0.45
Dividend	90.47	96.76†	- 1.50	4.04
Int Gth & Inc	238.10	254.70†	+ 2.10	2.37
UK & Gen	49.63	53.08	+ 0.95	1.50
Fund of Funds	71.00	75.94	+ 0.51	..

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD
50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR
041 223 6020

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Growth	117.98	126.18	+ 0.35	1.27
Smaller Cos	112.88	120.72	+ 0.73	0.97
Higher Yield	50.00	53.48†	+ 0.56	2.43
American Gth Inc	76.42	81.73†	+ 0.89	...
European Growth	139.19	148.86	- 0.10	...
Global Bond Inc	32.00	33.95	- 0.01	4.44
Mngd Pfolio Inc	46.74	49.98	+ 0.27	1.02

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL
071 480 7216

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Short Dated Gilt	70.43	71.39	- 0.06	4.88

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH
061 837 5060

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Environ	163.90	174.40	+ 1.60	1.18
UK Growth	180.30	191.90†	- 1.60	1.51
UK Income	149.70	159.30	+ 0.90	3.45

CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA
0707 651 122

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Can Gen Dist	200.90	212.90†	+ 1.20	1.70
-do- Income Dist	122.50	129.80	+ 0.20	4.11
Gilt & Fxd Int	44.76	47.44†	- 0.11	5.73

For Cannon see Lincoln National

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF
061 236 5685 Enq 061 236 5685 Dlg 061 236 5362

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American & Gen	154.80	164.70	+ 0.80	.
European Inc	82.00	86.91	- 0.19	0.47
Smaller Cos (4-1)	87.02	92.58	+ 0.29	1.36
Growth	475.00	500.00	+ 2.50	1.73
Income & Growth	456.00	485.20†	+ 3.00	3.09
Japan & Gen	74.31	79.08	- 0.70	...
Master Portfolio	11587	12004†	+70.000	1.33
Special Sits	108.70	115.70†	+ 0.70	1.72
High Yield	1480.0	1526.0	+ 4.00	3.53

CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS
Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh
031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 561

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth Tst	39.20	41.92	+ 0.23	0.38
Cash Income	50.40	50.40	+ 0.01	5.18
European Gwth	40.62	43.32	- 0.13	0.81
Income & Gwth Inc	31.32	33.49	+ 0.06	3.69
Intnl Gwth	33.19	35.49	- 0.02	0.72
Japan Gwth	27.93	29.87	- 0.14	...
Managed Tst Inc	52.33	55.96	+ 0.20	0.47
Oriental Opps Inc	170.90	182.70	+ 0.60	0.54
Property Shares	49.68	53.13	+ 0.75	1.53
Smaller Cos	34.55	36.95	+ 0.25	1.43
UK Growth Tst	28.48	30.45	+ 0.09	2.46
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	77.80	83.30	+ 0.10	1.54
Cap Hse UK Inc	73.12	78.20	+ 0.05	2.19
Exempt	23.59	24.26	...	...
Formerly Brown Shipley				
European Inc	26.94	28.81	+ 0.13	0.37
European Acc	27.94	29.88	+ 0.13	0.37
Financial	170.50	182.30	+ 2.80	2.23
Foundation	99.96	106.90	+ 0.50	2.38
German	50.25	53.74	- 0.24	0.07
High Income	85.10	91.01	+ 0.14	5.61
Income	151.00	161.40	+ 0.30	3.41
Intl Growth	40.17	42.96	+ 0.52	0.15
Mngd Pfolio Inc	114.90	122.80†	+ 2.70	1.51
Mngd Pfolio Acc	219.70	234.90†	+ 5.10	1.51
Monthly Income	92.08	98.48†	+ 2.25	3.27
North American	113.40	121.20†	+ 2.70	0.15
Orient	160.20	171.30	- 1.90	..

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH
071 606 0708

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cazenove Portfolio	87.17	93.18†	- 0.14	2.11
American Portfolio	93.01	99.18	- 0.20	1.00
European Portfolio	99.55	106.34	- 0.97	0.97
Japanese Portfolio	70.65	75.16	+ 0.20	...
Pacific Portfolio	155.04	166.71	+ 1.83	0.73
UK Inc & Growth	80.21	85.85	- 0.01	3.48
Utility & Bond	62.09	62.83	- 0.12	5.85

CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD
5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK General Tst	70.39	74.88	- 0.09	2.67
Global Tst	65.41	69.58	...	...
Recovery Tst	73.58	78.27	..	1.68

CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD
151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD
071 837 7667

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	155.32	167.63	...	..
UK Growth	117.64	126.67	...	1.01
UK Income	120.45	130.66	...	3.70

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Beckman Intl	92.70	98.09	...	1.70
Beck Bio-Tech	42.16	44.85	...	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	172.33	181.40†	...	1.16
City Fin Assets	79.60	83.79	...	1.90
City Fin America	82.96	87.33	...	...
City Fin Intl	84.81	89.22	...	0.45
City Fin Japan	169.65	178.58	...	...
Friars Hse Cap	294.96	312.13†	...	2.09
Friars Hse Inc	219.46	233.47	...	4.58
Buckley Wrld Gth	149.32	157.79	...	0.63
Fairmnt Cap Gth	153.30	161.37	+ 5.83	...
-do- Inc & Gth	127.15	133.84	+ 5.16	1.48
Fairmount Intl	169.26	178.17	+ 6.16	..
City Fin Pflio Inc	64.52	68.04	...	2.42

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Emerging Markets	62.38	66.19	+ 1.13	...

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	60.37	65.09	+ 0.47	...
Atlas Mngd Gwth	39.86	42.86	+ 0.18	...
Dragon Growth	81.06	86.70	+ 0.53	0.26
Equity High Inc	92.55	98.23	+ 0.34	3.09
European Gwth	51.33	54.46	- 0.20	0.57
Evergreen	31.94	34.16	+ 0.18	...
General Equity	93.14	98.82	- 0.44	1.88
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	27.77	29.18	- 0.05	7.84
Japan Growth	50.71	54.72	- 0.32	...
Pedigree Gwth	55.12	58.48	+ 0.18	1.77
Ped Sm Cos Inc	34.99	37.12	+ 0.15	0.54
Retirement Inc	29.18	31.38	- 0.10	4.70
Special Sits	41.90	44.81	+ 0.22	1.43
UK & Overseas	53.52	56.78	+ 0.02	0.74

COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY
0634 890 000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capital	69.59	74.43	+ 0.01	2.58
Income	65.78	70.35	+ 0.09	3.54

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9818
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	185.50	197.34	+ 0.79	4.48
Fixed & Convertible	48.82	51.94†	- 0.23	5.47
Monthly Inc Plus	55.36	58.79	...	7.62
Preference Share	54.15	57.61†	- 0.03	6.60
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	145.11	154.37†	...	5.32
Managed Fund	73.12	77.79	...	2.59
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	46.18	49.13	+ 0.36	1.72
UK & General	85.34	90.79	+ 0.20	2.38
UK Growth	149.26	158.79	+ 1.53	1.56
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	195.05	207.50	+ 0.52	..
Far Eastern Grth	150.88	160.51	+ 0.30	0.26
Global Bond	88.48	94.02	- 0.06	5.68
Japan Growth	126.31	134.37	- 0.68	..
North Amer Grth	167.35	178.03	+ 1.32	..
Oriental Growth	92.67	98.59	+ 0.39	...
Worldwide Growth	67.14	71.43	+ 0.19	0.23
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.67	92.67	+ 0.01	4.67
Homemaker Fund	83.39	88.71†	+ 0.14	1.73
Quilter Fund	145.87	155.18†	+ 0.44	1.91

CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD
Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN
0438 744 840

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth Inc	63.12	67.14†	+ 0.10	2.50
High Income	36.90	39.25	+ 0.04	4.30
Japan	36.85	39.20	- 0.35	..
Smaller Cos Inc	34.10	36.27	+ 0.21	2.60
Smaller Cos	35.48	37.74	+ 0.22	2.60
North American	34.06	36.23	+ 0.13	0.50
European	38.61	41.07	+ 0.03	0.20

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Consistent UT	34.12	36.50†	+ 0.03	4.03

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	157.40	167.50	+ 0.50	1.53
Income	82.52	87.79	- 0.09	3.90
European	62.36	66.35	- 0.90	0.62
Recovery	150.50	160.20	- 0.20	1.39

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	886.30	900.70†	...	3.40

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
0277 690 370

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Fellowship Tst	78.17	83.16	- 0.41	1.71
Income	262.50	279.30	+ 0.20	4.03
Smaller Cos	161.20	171.50†	+ 1.30	1.19
Inv Portfolio	84.26	89.64	+ 0.23	1.33
High Income Port	74.65	79.42	+ 0.31	4.28

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS
071 480 0777

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Euro Small Cos	1532.8	1562.5	+38.10	...
Japan Small Cos	1232.1	1256.2	+76.10	...
UK Small Cos	1974.8	2013.1†	+52.50	...
US Small Cos	1702.5	1748.5	-40.40	...

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL
071 377 8819

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Disc Inc	204.20	215.00	...	2.73

DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
25 Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Gwth	267.50	282.80	- 0.10	1.06
New Asia	250.60	270.80	- 0.60	0.29
Japan Growth	124.70	132.70	- 0.90	...
Jap Smllr Co	522.40	554.60	- 2.20	..
Nth Amer	256.60	271.80	- 2.00	0.90
Shifrd Asia Pac Sit	141.00	149.30	+ 0.70	0.42
UK Inc & Grth	238.90	254.60	+ 0.50	3.18

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Balanced Inc	152.80	162.60	+ 0.90	1.66
UK High Inc Inc	170.30	181.20	+ 1.90	4.40
UK Pref & F I Inc	64.65	68.55	+ 0.01	4.57
Envrnmntl Opps	88.35	93.99	- 0.90	1.31

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
47 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh
0345 090 526

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	125.50	133.30	- 0.50	0.15
Convertibles	25.97	27.59	- 0.10	5.98
Equity Income	147.00	156.20	- 0.30	3.20
EuroFund	46.50	49.18†	- 0.29	0.81
Financial	55.99	59.49	- 0.01	1.34
Growth & Inc	259.20	274.30†	- 0.40	2.73
High Dist	181.10	192.40	- 0.40	3.90
International	419.40	445.60	- 0.20	0.22
Intl Income	102.60	109.50†	- 0.10	2.37
Latin American	56.58	60.12	+ 0.91	0.21
Pacific	95.43	101.40	- 0.40	...
Preference Share	26.60	28.26†	- 0.10	5.48
Tokyo	225.40	239.20	- 2.00	...
UK Smaller Cos	256.50	272.50	- 1.70	0.86

ELCON LTD
Central Ct, Knoll Rise, Orpington BR6 0JA
0689 78538

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Elcon Trust	234.90	250.20	...	...

ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7261

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Endurance Fd	221.10	235.20	+ 7.60	0.36

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN
0296 431 480

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	81.42	85.71	- 0.49	1.52
Far Eastern	339.75	357.63	- 0.55	1.25
High Income	148.13	155.93	- 0.89	3.93
Intl Growth	131.39	138.31	- 0.47	0.77
North American	121.89	128.30	- 0.19	0.98
Pelican	129.91	136.77	- 0.58	2.64
Smaller Cos	80.99	84.83	+ 0.26	1.76
Special Sits	100.78	106.08	- 0.05	1.89
Tst of Inv Tsts	206.61	217.48	- 0.42	1.68

EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Smaller Cos Inc	257.90	277.46	+ 1.32	1.52
Smaller Cos Acc	394.65	411.09	+ 2.27	1.52
Recovery	61.65	64.22	+ 0.24	1.78

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD
23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB
0392 412 144

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	121.06	129.48	- 0.03	4.43
Capital Growth	92.22	98.90	+ 1.01	..
Fd of Inv Tsts	50.12	53.47†	- 0.34	0.21
High Income	50.88	54.28†	- 0.11	8.16
Warrant	71.55	77.78	+ 0.13	..
Zero Preference	38.18	40.51	+ 0.04	..

FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 707

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Family Asset Tst	80.56	85.70	...	2.12
Family Income Tst	54.51	57.98†	...	5.64
Family Trust	90.84	96.65	...	1.11
United Charities	272.00	289.30	...	2.71

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD
130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161
Broker Dealings 0800 414 181

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	4.70
Stabiliser Growth Range				
Controlled Risk UK	35.10	36.47†	- 0.13	3.00
-do- Europe	24.41	25.73	- 0.02	4.85
-do- America	23.80	25.10	+ 0.05	0.41
-do- Aot Japan	27.42	29.11	- 0.15	0.60
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	32.04	32.33	- 0.06	6.03
Intl Bond	32.68	34.08†	- 0.01	4.74
Income Funds				
High Income	30.54	32.14†	+ 0.15	4.44
Income Plus	135.40	144.00	+ 0.50	3.50
Amer Eq Inc	49.54	52.61†	+ 0.19	1.71
European Income	46.57	49.52	..	2.18
Far East Inc	66.38	70.87	+ 0.22	2.16
Global Convertible	26.21	27.96	+ 0.15	1.95
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	67.47	71.97	+ 0.14	..
American	245.80	260.90	+ 1.70	...
Amer Spec Sits	114.90	122.60	+ 1.30	...
Japan Smaller Cos	41.95	44.75	- 0.21	...
European	171.30	182.20	+ 0.70	...
European Opps	62.88	66.86	+ 0.28	...
UK Growth	95.17	101.30	+ 0.30	...
Growth & Inc	169.50	180.30†	+ 0.60	2.19
Intl PEP	38.01	40.42	+ 0.12	...
Japan Spec Sits	93.78	100.20†	- 1.30	..
Japan	196.60	210.10	- 2.00	...
Managed Intl	278.90	297.60	+ 0.30	...
Moneybuilder	55.84	59.57	+ 0.26	...
Recovery	49.15	52.26	+ 0.67	...
South E Asia	182.90	195.10	+ 2.10	...
Special Sits	573.00	609.30	+ 3.80	...
Specialist Funds				
UK Index	119.60	125.90	+ 0.10	2.80
UK Reverse Index	69.36	73.19	+ 0.14	4.99
Europe Index	121.40	127.90	- 0.10	4.20
-do- Reverse Index	61.17	65.08	- 0.37	8.78
America Index	104.30	109.80	- 0.40	0.73
-do- Reverse Index	89.98	94.94	- 0.42	0.89
Japan Index	136.10	143.30	- 0.70	0.78
-do- Reverse Index	88.90	93.94	+ 0.07	1.52
Cash Accum Units	104.26	104.26	+ 0.01	4.70

FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD
20 Finsbury St, Lond EC2Y 9AQ 071 814 2700

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	152.90	156.10	...	1.94
Inc Pfolio	99.07	100.80	+ 0.30	3.17
Cap Pfolio	160.20	162.90†	+ 0.20	0.54
General Opps	140.10	142.20	...	3.04
Growth Inc	33.94	34.55	- 0.04	1.98
Private Portfolio	447.30	455.80	...	1.34

FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT
Admin, PO Box 2001, Brentwood, Essex
CM13 1XR Enq 071 454 1434 Dlg 0277 261 010
Hypo Foreign & Colonial

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	117.10	123.90	- 0.40	...
Far Eastern	194.40	206.30	+ 0.60	...
High Income	23.65	25.15†	- 0.05	10.04
Oseas Income	103.30	110.30	- 0.20	2.70
UK Growth	125.00	133.70†	- 0.50	0.71
UK Income	120.00	128.30	+ 0.40	4.68
US Smaller Cos	301.40	322.30	- 1.80	...

FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
High Inc Eqty	54.03	57.48	+ 0.09	3.62
-do- Inv Tst Inc	84.48	89.87	+ 0.91	3.45
Intl Growth	77.81	82.78	...	1.09
Investment Trust	99.32	105.66	+ 0.77	0.21
UK Smaller Cos	89.38	95.08†	- 0.91	1.16

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT
071 374 4100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	57.37	61.32	+ 0.44	...
(Accum Units)	57.37	61.32	+ 0.44	...
Amer Smlls Cos	513.80	549.40	+ 2.60	...
(Accum Units)	524.90	561.30	+ 2.60	..
Capital Tst	344.80	366.70	+ 2.20	1.52
(Accum Units)	485.30	516.20	+ 3.20	1.52
Conti Smlr Cos	60.11	64.53	- 0.15	0.26
(Accum Units)	62.83	67.45	- 0.16	0.26
Convertible	147.70	157.10	+ 0.60	4.43
(Accum Units)	286.20	304.40	+ 1.20	4.43
Emerging Markets	92.42	98.73	+ 0.43	...
(Accum Units)	92.49	98.81	+ 0.42	...
European	121.80	129.30	+ 0.30	0.12
(Accum Units)	126.90	134.80	+ 0.30	0.12
Extra Income	370.50	394.10†	+ 3.10	3.04
(Accum Units)	537.10	571.30†	+ 4.50	3.04
Financial	129.50	139.10	+ 0.20	0.23
(Accum Units)	135.60	145.60	+ 0.20	0.23
Gilt Trust	72.51	74.76	- 0.20	5.37
(Accum Units)	96.00	98.98	- 0.26	5.37
Health Fund Inc	147.90	158.00	+ 0.50	..
(Accum Units)	147.90	158.00	+ 0.50	...
Income & Growth	218.10	231.90	- 0.20	2.96
(Accum Units)	316.00	336.10	- 0.10	2.96
Intl Growth	390.40	418.90	+ 1.40	...
(Accum Units)	433.60	465.20	+ 1.60	...
Japan & Gen	195.70	209.70	- 0.70	..
(Accum Units)	197.60	211.80	- 0.70	...
Managed Port Inc	113.60	119.50	+ 0.40	0.60
(Accum Units)	119.40	125.60	+ 0.40	0.60
Monthly Income	187.80	199.70	- 1.50	3.13
Quarterly Income	59.96	63.78	- 0.26	3.96
(Accum Units)	61.33	65.23	- 0.26	3.96
Recovery	375.70	401.70†	+ 2.70	0.06
(Accum Units)	441.50	472.10†	+ 2.50	0.08
UK Growth	56.95	60.68	+ 0.01	2.09
(Accum Units)	56.95	60.68	+ 0.01	2.09

FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts
Dealing: 0722 411 411 Admin: 0722 411 622

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
FP Equity Dist	423.55	450.59	+ 4.25	2.07
-do- Accum	873.76	929.53	+ 8.78	2.07
FP Euro Gth Dist	136.53	145.25†	- 0.04	0.29
-do- Accum	141.80	150.85†	- 0.05	0.29
FP Fixed Int Dist	147.26	155.76	- 0.21	5.49
-do- Accum	255.09	269.82	- 0.37	5.49
FP Intl Gth Dist	98.18	104.45	+ 0.32	0.34
-do- Accum	102.20	108.72	+ 0.32	0.34
FP Nth Amer Dist	201.07	213.00†	+ 0.92	0.50
-do- Accum	219.69	232.72†	+ 1.00	0.50
FP Pac Basin Dist	342.65	364.52†	+ 1.13	0.01
-do- Accum	349.20	371.49†	+ 1.16	0.01
Stewardship Dist	367.73	391.20	+ 2.23	1.51
-do- Accum	441.39	469.56	+ 2.68	1.51
Stwrdshp Inc Dist	79.84	84.94†	+ 0.44	2.87
-do- Accum	100.50	106.91†	+ 0.56	2.87
N Am Sship Dist	105.83	112.58†	+ 0.71	0.30
-do- Accum	112.00	119.15†	+ 0.75	0.30

GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
PO Box 257, York YO1 1LA 0345 581 106/7

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
GANDA	260.60	275.60	+ 2.00	1.78
Cash	49.28	50.02†	+ 0.01	4.37
Growth Portfolio	89.87	95.26	+ 0.68	0.31
Income Portfolio	75.10	79.41†	+ 0.49	3.13

GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD
Alban Gate, 14th Floor, 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567
Dealing: 071 626 9431

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Spec Sits	161.40	172.70	+ 2.00	...
European	558.90	596.00	+ 1.90	1.21
Far East & Gen	292.70	313.10	- 0.40	...
Germany	121.20	128.70	- 0.40	..
Global Assets Inc	...	...	...	...
Income Inc	169.80	181.60	- 0.70	4.19
International	381.90	408.50	+ 1.90	0.31
Intl Income	89.69	95.33	- 0.13	3.70
Japan & General	416.40	443.50	- 3.80	...
Korean Securities	78.46	83.92	- 1.59	0.16
Smllr Cos Div Inc	56.33	60.25†	+ 0.31	3.73
UK Capital (Inc)	200.50	214.50	...	1.64
UK Spec Sits	100.10	107.10	+ 0.30	0.31
US & General	137.40	146.10	+ 1.20	..
Wwide Spec Sits	178.70	190.40	...	0.08

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ 071 782 2000 Digs only: 0277 264 432
Investor Services: Freephone 0800 289 336

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	55.81	59.72†	+ 0.12	1.77
Cash Trust	131.99	131.99	+ 0.01	4.94
Practical Inv Inc	123.32	131.89	+ 0.04	3.34
UK Index	152.25	164.90	+ 0.57	2.62
UK Smaller Cos	129.87	138.90	+ 1.61	1.24
Income Funds				
Preference Share	27.60	29.52†	- 0.02	8.57
High Income	38.24	40.90†	+ 0.16	4.25
UK Equity Income	153.02	163.66†	+ 0.44	3.26
Global Bond	30.77	31.97	- 0.02	4.57
International Funds				
Frontier Markets	71.00	75.94	+ 0.04	..
Global Inc & Gth	144.03	153.50	+ 0.14	1.43
Gold & Intl Res	120.94	129.35	+ 1.39	0.53
Global Utilities	146.15	155.87†	+ 1.01	0.64
Overseas Funds				
American	145.05	155.01	- 0.85	0.47
European	100.54	106.45	+ 0.04	0.85
Euro Sel Opps	134.18	142.56	- 0.81	0.20
Amer Emerging	105.40	112.73†	+ 0.78	..
Hong Kong	192.28	205.65	+ 1.42	0.81
Japan	250.02	265.84	- 1.38	...
Pacific Growth	261.19	279.35	+ 2.34	...
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	229.91	229.91†	- 0.01	1.66
Long Term Bal	249.17	249.17†	- 0.39	1.97
Med Term Bal	208.19	208.19†	+ 0.24	2.33
UK Equity	255.04	255.04	+ 0.05	1.33
UK Emerging Cos	152.40	152.40†	+ 0.96	1.77
American	238.66	238.66	+ 0.79	1.23
Japan	138.25	138.25	- 2.29	...
European	256.80	256.80	- 0.35	0.96
Index Linked Gilt	178.28	178.28	- 0.02	2.87
Fixed Interest	170.78	170.78	- 0.37	6.07
Amer Emergng	271.03	271.03	+ 2.35	...
Pacific	276.77	276.77	+ 1.36	0.52
Emerging Mkts	214.26	214.26†	+ 1.46	..
Index Strat Japan	157.41	157.41†	..	0.23
-do- Pacific Rim	226.06	226.06†	...	1.18
-do- Cont Europe	151.46	151.46†	..	1.59
Index Strat USA	133.88	133.88†	....	2.08
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	108.82	115.76	- 0.01	...
Med Term Bal	99.08	105.40	+ 0.12	..
Long Term Bal	112.37	119.54	+ 0.19	..
UK Equity	117.95	125.48	+ 0.01	..
UK Emerging Cos	71.54	76.11	+ 0.54	...
American	111.01	118.10	+ 0.40	...
Japan	67.15	71.43	- 0.59	..
European	107.25	114.10	- 0.15	..
Fixed Interest	85.90	91.38	- 0.20	..
Index Linked Gilt	78.89	83.93	- 0.01	...
Deposit	76.67	81.57	+ 0.01	
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Int Grth	138.05	145.32†	+ 1.08	..
Berkeley Income	122.85	129.32†	+ 0.45	1.97
BWH Intl	147.00	154.74	+ 0.79	0.55
Brclift Gth Port Inc	65.28	69.43	+ 0.33	2.50
-do- Inc Port Inc	62.90	66.39	+ 0.21	3.73
-do- Wwide Port	56.42	59.55	+ 0.46	1.00
Shaw Utilities	62.53	65.99	- 0.77	3.21

GLENFRIARS UNIT TST MGRS LTD
22 Suffolk St, London SW1Y 4HS 071 930 7533

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Inv Opportunities	156.20	164.80	..	..
Higher Income	144.20	151.10	..	1.47

GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT
GAM Sterling Management Ltd
12 St James's Place, London SW1 071 493 9990

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
& Intl Inc	624.78	664.66	+20.01	0.08
European Inc	150.42	160.02	..	..
Amalgam Inc	154.56	163.63	..	..
N America Inc	375.04	396.43	+ 8.38	..
Far East Inc	349.06	371.34	..	0.20
UK Divid Inc	184.36	196.13	+ 7.13	0.89

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7808

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity Inc	98.01	103.05	+ 1.30	4.02
UK Small Cos	54.87	58.68	- 0.47	1.10
British Growth	64.13	67.48	+ 0.55	2.14
American Gwth	166.13	177.68†	+ 5.50	..
Japan Gwth	86.25	91.39†	+ 0.05	..
Greater China	223.98	239.55†	- 1.45	0.95
Pacific Strategy	192.19	205.55†	+ 2.12	0.15
European Gwth	86.11	92.10	- 0.32	0.52
Intl Growth	167.77	179.44	+ 0.86	0.24
US Index (£)	14.021	14.773	-0.033	1.20
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	86.13	90.95	+ 0.46	2.15
Monthly Income	47.68	50.61†	- 0.46	10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0333				
UK Index (£)	12.659	13.238	-0.170	4.40
Euro Index (£)	13.266	13.891	-0.195	4.50
Japan Index (£)	11.491	12.027	-0.265	1.85
US Index (£)	14.768	15.450	-0.059	1.50
Cash (£)	9.5082	9.5657	+0.000	5.10
UK Bear (£)	6.9571	7.2750	+0.084	4.40
European Bear (£)	7.2104	7.5454	+0.032	4.50
Japan Bear (£)	11.598	12.140	+0.216	1.65
US Bear (£)	8.8727	9.2823	+0.020	1.50
Dollar Bull (£)	15.623	16.351	-0.099	1.50
Dollar Bear (£)	6.7019	7.2164	-0.009	4.40
Gilt Bull (£)	11.958	12.499	-0.077	4.40
Gilt Bear (£)	6.9587	7.2738	+0.040	4.40
Dollar Cash (£)	10.553	10.606	-0.033	1.90
Grd UK Index (£)	13.770	14.504	-0.207	4.40

GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Mint Hse, 77 Mansell St, London E1 8AF
071 488 1212

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Small Cos	100.45	106.86†	+ 2.31	0.82
Bridge Income	303.85	323.25	+ 3.95	4.53

GUARDIAN ROYAL EX UT MGRS LTD
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE
071 538 9668

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	134.30	134.30	...	4.81
European	473.30	505.60	+ 4.10	0.09
Gilt & Fixed	141.60	150.20	- 0.10	5.12
Growth Equity	366.50	391.50	+ 4.30	1.60
Income Trust	139.30	148.80	- 1.60	2.65
International	195.60	208.90	+ 0.90	...
Japan Trust	133.90	143.00†	- 0.50	...
Nth American	285.50	305.00	+ 2.10	...
Pacific	658.40	703.40	+ 7.80	...
Guardhill	536.60	573.20	+ 6.90	1.61

GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD
5 Gainsford Street, London SE1 2NE
071 522 2129

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
EMU Trust	118.38	122.94	+ 0.20	7.68
Global High Inc	120.52	125.12†	+ 0.63	7.85
Prem Fixed Int	119.42	123.97	- 0.11	7.53
Eqty & Bond Inc	113.75	120.94†	+ 1.17	4.33
European Growth	98.78	105.03	+ 0.86	...
Intl PEP Trust	62.77	66.73	+ 0.31	...
High Income	131.75	140.09†	+ 2.67	3.04
Recovery	423.80	450.60	+ 6.60	1.42
St Vinc High Inc	145.44	147.62	+ 0.95	6.69
Tmp Bar Emer Co	255.00	271.10	+ 3.20	1.13
Tmp Br Sm Co In	366.00	374.40†	+ 3.40	1.60

HALIFAX STANDARD TST MGT LTD
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW
0800 838 868

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global Advtg Inc	42.41	44.96†	+ 0.40	1.25
Income Advtg Inc	35.34	37.47	+ 0.30	3.04

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Model Pfolio	219.30	232.70	+ 1.10	1.96
Smaller Cos	36.62	38.96†	+ 0.13	1.49

HENDERSON UNIT TST MGMT LTD
PO Box 2157, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET
Enquiries: 0277 263 290 Dealing: 0277 234 772

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Funds				
Special Sits	322.83	345.42	+ 2.58	0.88
Best of British	68.21	72.79	+ 0.17	1.87
UK Smaller Cos	134.39	144.48†	+ 1.92	0.78
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	303.14	322.84	+ 1.74	2.53
High Income	361.46	386.40†	- 2.62	3.24
Extra Income	320.62	341.53	+ 1.46	3.80
Pref & Gilt	50.74	54.54†	...	7.49
International				
International	289.82	308.14	- 0.65	0.39
Global Bond	59.86	63.68	...	6.03
Family of Funds	87.09	92.91†	+ 0.56	0.17
Global Tech	157.26	168.19	+ 0.76	...
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	206.56	220.89	+ 1.83	...
European	484.91	513.91	- 0.55	0.22
European Income	87.57	92.65†	- 0.10	2.23
Euro Smlr Cos	149.20	159.18	- 0.16	0.27
Eur Sp Sits	68.47	72.90	- 0.30	0.49
Japan Trust	220.94	235.25†	- 1.81	...
Japan Special Sits	251.54	269.42	+ 0.26	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	288.02	306.40	+ 1.86	0.09
North American	252.14	268.24†	+ 1.19	...
American Smaller	111.30	118.97	+ 0.70	...
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	58.76	62.30	...	...
Eur Sp Sits	58.96	62.49	...	...
General Growth	45.17	47.88	...	...
Global Tech	61.27	64.94	...	...
Income Growth	46.28	48.56	...	...
Japan Growth	27.22	28.85	...	...
Overseas Growth	42.19	44.72	...	...
Smaller Cos	23.42	24.83	...	...
Special Opps	30.97	32.82	...	...
Sterling Liquidity	...	...	...	...
Wwide Sp Sits	52.70	55.86	...	...

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon
081 686 4355

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British	109.00	116.50	- 0.20	1.69
Capital	188.30	201.50	+ 1.50	1.51
Dollar	353.30	377.80	+ 1.30	0.01
European	243.50	260.40	- 0.20	0.41
Far East	382.40	408.90†	+ 4.80	0.20
Financial	931.10	995.80	+ 6.10	1.21
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	28.90	30.02†	- 0.22	6.87
High Yield	122.30	130.80	+ 0.20	3.75
Income & Growth	162.60	173.90	+ 0.20	2.79
International	263.20	281.40†	- 0.60	0.06
Japanese General	201.50	215.50†	- 1.10	..
Japan Tech	76.90	82.24†	- 0.72	..
Nat Resources	83.84	89.66	+ 2.30	0.40
Portfolio	80.58	86.18	+ 0.20	1.61
Security	361.60	386.70	- 1.50	1.66
Smaller Cos	143.50	153.40	+ 1.30	1.14
Special Sits	169.60	181.30	+ 0.30	1.22
UK Emerging Cos	95.84	102.50	+ 0.80	0.26
US Smaller Cos	77.74	83.14	+ 0.45	...

HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU
Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 289 505
James Capel Unit Trusts
Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 289 505

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Index Funds				
American Index	205.80	219.10†	+ 0.90	1.20
Eurotrack 100	160.20	170.00†	- 0.40	0.92
Footsie Fund	57.55	60.76†	+ 0.08	2.26
Japan Index	82.36	87.82	- 0.84	0.12
Tiger Index	229.30	244.70	+ 0.80	0.17
Tristo Index	130.30	139.10	- 0.20	1.58
UK Index	151.70	161.90†	+ 0.40	2.56
Active Funds				
American Growth	495.00	528.10	+ 2.80	0.16
Asian	65.43	69.83†	+ 0.34	..
Capital	654.80	698.80	- 1.30	1.92
European Growth	112.30	119.20†	...	0.27
Global Bond	24.71	26.05†	+ 0.05	6.11
Hong Kong Gwth	140.90	150.40	- 0.50	0.45
Income	625.50	667.60	+ 0.80	3.41
Intl Growth	82.88	88.25	+ 0.04	0.10
Japan Growth	297.50	317.50	- 0.50	..
Japan Smllr Cos	36.52	38.91†	...	...
Spore & Mlysn Gth	81.05	86.50	+ 1.08	...
Midland Unit Trusts				
Dealing 0742 530300 Enquiries 0742 529076				
Balanced	63.96	68.35	+ 0.02	2.08
(Accum Units)	65.76	70.27	+ 0.02	2.08
British Tst	92.64	99.08	+ 0.22	1.71
(Accum Units)	104.90	112.10	+ 0.20	1.71
Extra High Inc	80.05	85.62†	+ 0.98	5.26
(Accum Units)	146.80	156.90†	+ 1.70	5.26
Gilt & Fxd Int	60.94	63.44	- 0.12	5.87
(Accum Units)	167.00	173.80	- 0.40	5.87
High Yield	259.40	276.40	+ 0.60	4.12
(Accum Units)	620.20	663.50	+ 1.30	4.12
Income	330.10	353.00†	- 2.00	2.60
(Accum Units)	705.70	754.70†	- 4.20	2.60
Japan Growth	347.80	372.00	...	...
(Accum Units)	367.10	392.60	...	...
Mandarin Tst	138.30	147.90	...	0.99
(Accum Units)	144.60	154.60	...	0.99
Money Market UT	49.17	49.17	...	4.65
(Accum Units)	74.61	74.61†	...	4.65
Monthly Income	97.71	104.50	+ 0.20	3.54
North American	...	...	...	...
(Accum Units)	...	...	...	...
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	108.30	115.20	+ 0.30	1.70
European Growth	108.20	115.10	+ 0.10	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	89.71	95.20	- 0.18	5.83
Income	94.75	100.80	+ 0.10	2.62
Japan Growth	56.27	59.86	- 0.19	..
Managed	70.80	75.32	+ 0.02	2.33
Money Market	82.84	87.81	+ 0.01	4.58
North American	90.93	96.73	+ 0.52	0.46
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	98.42	104.70	+ 0.30	1.69
European Growth	101.90	108.40	+ 0.10	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	85.50	90.74	- 0.16	5.79
Income	93.12	99.06	+ 0.14	2.59
Japan Growth	56.12	59.70	- 0.19	..
Managed	67.74	72.06	+ 0.02	2.31
Money Market	76.57	81.16	...	4.53
North American	82.79	88.07	+ 0.48	0.53
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	98.70	105.00	+ 0.30	1.67
European Growth	99.45	105.80	...	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	79.27	84.12	- 0.16	5.87
Income	92.60	98.51	+ 0.13	2.59
Japan Growth	57.47	61.14	- 0.20	..
Managed	71.19	75.73	+ 0.02	2.29
Money Market	71.97	76.28	...	4.56
North American	91.82	97.68	+ 0.51	0.43

INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR
071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Specialist Trusts				
Investment Tst	79.86	84.85	- 0.45	0.24
Smaller Cos	34.55	36.70†	+ 0.45	1.03
Special Features	34.97	37.15	+ 0.14	1.14
(Accum Units)	41.68	44.28	+ 0.16	1.14
General Funds				
Assets & Earnings	84.19	89.45†	+ 0.25	1.62
(Accum Units)	101.30	107.60†	+ 0.30	1.62
General Equities	90.46	95.48†	- 0.03	2.39
Great British Cos	57.26	61.12†	- 0.01	1.47
Managed Invest	107.10	114.40†	+ 0.40	1.02
PEP Managed	77.79	82.95	+ 0.18	1.80
Rupert Child Tst	89.23	95.05	- 0.01	1.58
UK Growth	65.86	70.32	+ 0.10	1.33
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.01	50.01	..	3.82
Cashbox (Acc)	57.30	57.30	..	3.82
Extra Income	95.09	102.40	..	4.09
Gilt	30.47	32.11†	- 0.06	5.65
Income & Growth	46.84	49.86	- 0.02	2.81
Minmstar Gilt & FI	83.03	84.86	- 0.10	7.09
Preference Shares	20.21	21.47	+ 0.04	5.58
UK Income	377.00	402.20	- 0.10	2.69
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fin Securities	77.14	81.96	- 0.31	0.48
Property Shares	90.60	97.13	+ 0.99	0.95
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	53.21	56.47	+ 0.74	0.50
US Smaller Cos	125.90	133.10	+ 0.20	..
(Accum Units)	125.20	132.50	+ 0.20	..
Europe Perf	154.30	163.40	- 0.10	..
(Accum Units)	159.50	168.90	- 0.20	..
Euro Smaller Cos	29.66	30.72	+ 0.07	..
French Growth	83.05	88.03†	- 0.42	..
(Accum Units)	88.97	94.30†	- 0.46	..
H Kong & China	111.30	118.20†	- 0.60	0.32
Intl Growth	51.44	55.28	+ 0.42	...
(Accum Units)	61.24	65.59	+ 0.40	..
Japan Perf	36.03	38.25	- 0.38	..
(Accum Units)	36.33	38.25	- 0.06	..
Japan Smaller Cos	42.30	44.96	- 0.22	..
Singapore ASEAN	120.10	130.00	+ 0.60	..
(Accum Units)	120.90	131.00	+ 0.70	..
SE Asia	374.10	397.40	- 3.20	..
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Income	101.90	107.40	- 0.50	1.27
Intl Bond	60.61	61.38	- 0.11	5.92

JUPITER MERLIN UT MGRS LTD
197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RB
071 581 3020

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Cap	187.30	199.20	+ 0.50	..
Income	158.03	168.12	+ 2.12	3.41
Res & General	157.40	165.20	..	..
UK Growth	57.37	61.57†	- 1.32	0.85
International	94.27	100.20†	+ 0.48	0.01
Ecology	88.63	94.20	+ 0.94	0.55
European	119.95	127.21	- 1.03	..
Far Eastern	375.60	399.60	+ 0.88	..

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS
10 Fenchurch Street London EC3
Dealers 071 956 7354 Admin 071 956 6600

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	61.90	65.84	- 0.39	5.92
(Accum Units)	86.19	91.68	- 0.54	5.92
Gilt Yield	128.20	135.20	- 0.50	6.56
(Accum Units)	274.43	290.22	- 1.50	6.56
Global Income	243.30	258.98†	- 0.96	3.33
(Accum Units)	540.80	575.20	- 2.13	3.33
High Yield	161.50	171.80†	- 3.57	5.00
(Accum Units)	460.70	490.35	- 7.80	5.00
Smllr Cos Div	62.85	66.86†	- 0.55	2.59
(Accum Units)	73.97	78.90†	+ 0.64	2.59
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	100.40	106.80†	..	..
(Accum Units)	104.00	110.60†	+ 0.10	...
North American	81.05	86.23	+ 0.36	0.29
(Accum Units)	99.37	105.70	+ 0.40	0.29
European Special	94.90	101.10	- 0.37	1.24
(Accum Units)	99.65	106.00	- 0.40	1.24
European	159.30	169.50	- 0.90	1.16
(Accum Units)	208.50	221.80	- 1.40	1.16
General	311.00	330.90†	- 1.00	2.72
(Accum Units)	518.40	551.50†	- 1.80	2.72
Japan	441.20	460.40	- 3.00	...
(Accum Units)	446.10	474.60	- 4.00	...
Japanese Special	250.90	266.90	- 1.50	...
(Accum Units)	252.02	268.10	- 1.60	...
Master Accum	269.50	286.70	...	0.75
Pacific	379.00	403.20	+ 1.00	0.56
(Accum Units)	444.50	472.90	+ 1.20	0.36
Smaller Cos	125.00	133.00	+ 1.07	0.87
(Accum Units)	169.50	180.30	+ 1.50	0.87
UK Equity Growth	48.12	51.19†	+ 0.27	1.51
(Accum Units)	90.11	95.86†	+ 0.51	1.51

KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS
161 New Bond Street, London W1Y 0LA
071 629 1683

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
High Income (Inc)	59.59	63.39†	+ 0.37	4.40
Global Growth PEP	66.80	71.06	+ 0.52	...
Inv Trust PEP	53.23	56.62	+ 0.36	...
Higher Risk Invest	60.34	64.19	+ 0.29	...

LAS UNIT TST MGRS LTD
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB
031 550 5151

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	95.73	101.80	+ 0.10	0.31
Extra Income	28.63	30.46	+ 0.36	2.94
Far East	33.79	35.95	+ 0.19	0.24
Income & Gwth	86.95	92.50	+ 0.84	2.11
Intl Growth	61.82	65.77	+ 0.31	0.40
Japan	67.60	71.91	- 0.33	...
Maximum Dist	99.88	101.90†	- 2.10	6.97
Nth Amer Equity	42.74	45.47†	+ 0.47	0.14
UK Equity	102.80	109.40†	+ 1.30	1.96

L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Broadwalk Hse, 5 Appold St EC2A 2DA
071 588 2800

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	685.90	699.90†	...	4.63
Intl & General	466.10	475.60†	...	0.54

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT
1 White Hart Yard SE1 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Inc & Growth Inc	62.99	67.01†	+ 0.10	3.73
Smaller Cos	58.53	61.94	+ 0.63	0.81

LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Laurentian Hse, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth Trust	275.00	292.60	+ 1.00	1.53
High Income	123.30	131.20†	+ 0.30	3.38
International	104.50	111.20	+ 0.30	0.41
Recovery Trust	70.37	74.86	+ 0.33	1.16
European Trust	88.41	94.05	+ 0.24	0.70
Japanese Trust	47.78	50.83†	- 0.76	...
American Trust	87.46	93.04	+ 0.91	...
Managed	72.77	77.42	+ 0.25	0.57
Cash	51.59	51.59	...	4.34

LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD
21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0916

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Cap	384.60	390.20†	+ 3.90	2.46
UK Inc/Gth	421.70	428.90†	+ 3.50	2.69
UK Income	299.80	304.20†	+ 2.40	3.27
UK Sm Cos	268.70	278.00†	+ 2.80	1.31
Euro Gwth	125.70	126.70	+ 1.70	...
N Amer Gwth	84.37	85.28	+ 0.73	0.22
Jap & Pac Gth	88.63	89.87	- 0.97	...
Money Mkt	117.30	117.30	...	2.340

LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	519.40	552.50	+ 1.80	2.12
Equity Income	112.20	119.40†	+ 0.30	3.03
UK Tactical Allocn	61.93	65.77†	- 0.14	3.57
European	118.80	126.40†	- 0.30	0.69
Far Eastern	259.60	276.20	- 0.90	...
Fixed Interest	58.58	63.20†	- 0.08	5.98
Gilt	101.60	107.70	- 0.10	5.42
Global Growth	85.04	90.47	+ 0.27	...
Intl Bond	58.04	61.62	- 0.07	5.79
Japanese	77.59	82.97	- 0.56	...
North American	159.90	170.10†	+ 1.20	0.25
Pacific Growth	140.20	149.10	+ 1.30	...
UK Index	69.07	72.90	+ 0.27	2.55
UK Recovery	101.00	107.40	+ 0.60	1.42
UK Smaller Cos	135.80	144.50†	+ 1.30	0.86
US Index	61.81	65.29†	+ 0.40	1.62
European Index	75.53	79.71†	- 0.21	1.29
Japan Index	42.97	45.35	- 0.57	...
Worldwide	91.99	97.86	+ 0.30	1.31

LINCOLN NATIONAL
1 Olympic Way, Wembley HA9 0NB
081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	52.87	56.55†	+ 0.01	2.95
Income	65.41	69.96†	+ 0.12	3.36
Far East	63.52	67.94	+ 0.26	...
North American	105.90	112.80	+ 1.20	...
Global	108.80	116.40	+ 0.20	0.59
European	92.27	98.69	+ 0.04	0.79
Japan	117.30	125.90	+ 0.30	...
Intl Currency Bd	64.01	64.73	+ 0.02	5.88
SE Asia	137.00	146.60	+ 2.70	0.64
UK Cap Growth	101.10	108.10	+ 0.20	1.71

LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD
PO Box 63, Chatham, Kent ME4 4VB
Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 393

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	377.70	401.90	+ 2.90	2.18
-do- Acc	838.50	892.10	+ 6.40	2.18
Conti Euro Gth	64.32	67.92	+ 0.50	1.00
-do- Acc	68.73	73.35	- 0.53	1.00
Extra Inc	287.60	306.00	+ 1.80	3.14
-do- Acc	721.20	767.30	+ 4.60	3.14
German Gth	120.90	127.30	- 1.50	0.21
-do- Acc	126.80	133.50	- 1.50	0.21
Growth Port	594.90	632.90	+ 4.20	0.08
-do- Acc	600.00	638.30	+ 4.30	0.08
Income	538.90	573.40	+ 3.20	2.99
-do- Acc	1406.0	1496.0	+ 8.00	2.99
Income Port	554.40	589.80†	+ 2.00	3.44
-do- Acc	569.80	606.20	+ 2.10	3.44
Japan Growth	110.30	117.40	+ 0.40	...
-do- Acc	110.80	117.90	+ 0.50	...
Master Trust	63.38	67.43	+ 0.39	0.94
-do- Acc	69.78	74.24	+ 0.43	0.94
N American Gen	204.70	217.80	+ 2.10	...
-do- Acc	236.40	251.50	+ 2.40	...
N-Am Sm Co Rec	155.90	165.90	+ 1.80	...
-do- Acc	159.10	169.30	+ 1.80	...
Pacific Basin	316.20	336.40†	+ 5.00	0.66
-do- Acc	335.40	356.90	+ 5.40	0.66
Small Cos Rec	395.20	416.00	-15.00	1.82
-do- Acc	519.10	546.50	+19.70	1.82
UK Growth	94.37	100.40†	+ 0.65	1.73
-do- Acc	112.20	119.40	+ 0.90	1.73
Worldwide Gth	352.30	374.80	+ 2.90	0.12
-do- Acc	519.60	552.80	+ 4.30	0.12

LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282 673

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	68.60	73.61	+ 0.59	0.30
General	96.36	103.39	+ 0.89	2.20
Income	77.32	82.96	+ 0.70	4.30
International	69.96	75.06	+ 0.37	0.70
Japan	58.10	62.34	...	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	77.83	83.51	+ 0.65	1.40

M & G SECURITIES
M & G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg 0245 390 390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer & General	428.50	453.10†	+ 4.10	0.61
Amer Recovery	487.50	515.50	+ 5.00	0.22
Amer Smllr Cos	138.10	146.00†	+ 1.50	...
Australasian	194.20	205.40	+ 2.60	0.91
Capital	872.10	922.20	+11.30	1.79
Charifund	786.80	794.70†	+ 7.40	4.59
Commodity	415.40	439.30†	+ 7.60	0.29
Compound Grth	1004.8	1062.6	+11.00	2.12
Dividend	44.70	47.30	+ 0.50	3.74
Equity Income	384.90	407.00	+ 3.50	4.25
Euro & General	518.30	548.10†	+ 3.80	0.48
Euro Dividend	75.20	80.10†	+ 0.70	3.20
Extra Yield	475.50	502.80	+ 5.20	3.90
Far Eastern	420.70	444.90	+ 8.30	0.14
Fund of Inv Tsts	685.70	725.10	+ 5.90	1.53
General	69.60	71.50†	+ 0.90	3.26
Gilt Income	70.27	70.38	- 0.18	6.40
Gold	76.90	81.30†	+ 1.20	0.40
High Income	32.20	34.00	+ 0.40	3.92
Intl Growth	83.60	88.40†	+ 0.50	0.62
International Inc	111.00	117.40	+ 0.60	3.87
Japan & Gen	49.50	52.30	...	...
Japan Smlr Cos	166.40	176.00	+ 0.10	...
Managed Income	30.80	32.30†	+ 0.20	3.43
Midland	69.90	73.90	+ 0.70	2.30
Pension Ex	1046.0	1072.2	+11.70	3.38
Recovery	46.30	49.00†	+ 0.80	1.87
Second General	77.10	81.50†	+ 0.80	3.07
Smaller Cos	75.50	79.80†	+ 0.70	2.29
Treasury	25.02	25.06†	..	4.79
Trustee	47.70	50.40	+ 0.60	3.65

MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD
MGM House, Heene Rd, Worthing
Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Growth	84.51	89.90	- 0.04	0.23
High Income	330.00	351.00	+ 3.00	3.88
Intl Bond	70.83	74.58	- 0.05	4.22
Intl Equity Growth	74.42	79.16	+ 0.25	0.37
N Amer Growth	101.76	108.25	- 0.78	0.71
Special Sits Growth	24.17	25.71	+ 0.15	1.57
UK Growth	410.90	437.10	- 3.80	2.23

MW INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD
46 Court St, Haddington, E Lothian
062 082 5867

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Joint Investors	1356.7	1385.6	..	2.54

MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
c/o Baillie Gifford 1 Rutland Ct EH3 8EY
031 222 4242

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Maldon General	155.90	160.20†	..	3.59

MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD
St George's Way, Stevenage
Dealings: 0438 747 414

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth Units	213.50	228.30	+ 2.30	1.90
Gilt & Fxd Int	196.00	206.20	- 0.50	6.44
Intl Growth	223.80	239.30	+ 1.10	0.16
North American	188.50	202.00	+ 1.40	0.32
Far East	311.30	332.90	+ 3.00	0.25
UK Smaller Cos	182.00	194.60	+ 2.00	1.36
European	83.25	88.98	- 0.55	0.31
Japanese Growth	48.62	51.83	- 0.19	...
Managed Pfolio	73.94	79.57	+ 0.60	1.28
High Income	209.90	224.50	+ 1.97	3.59

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD
PO Box 410, Chester X CH99 9QG 0244 680 066

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
M & S Inv Pfolio	163.60	174.00†	+ 0.17	1.62
-do- Accum	194.70	196.40†	+ 0.17	1.62
UK Sel Pfolio	141.40	150.40	+ 0.33	1.75
-do- Accum	161.20	171.40	+ 0.33	1.75

MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD
57 Victoria Square, Bolton BL1 1LA
0204 364 842

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed Tst	71.45	76.01	+ 0.66	3.11

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Saltire Ct, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh
031 479 4646

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Income	83.22	88.34	+ 0.67	3.37
European	87.13	92.49†	+ 0.34	0.40
Income & Growth	86.15	91.44†	+ 0.73	2.31
Nth American	61.57	65.36	+ 0.44	0.07
Far East	193.30	205.30	+ 1.90	...
Charities	131.50	139.60†	+ 1.30	3.37
Japan	38.61	40.22	- 0.06	..
Emgng Mkts	136.00	145.50†	+ 1.80	0.12
Intl Growth	119.50	126.90	+ 0.90	0.17
UK Growth	95.24	101.10	+ 0.90	1.56

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33 King William St EC4R 9AS
Dealing 071 280 2860

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	210.80	224.30	..	..
(Accum Units)	225.20	239.70	...	...
American Opps	94.13	100.40	..	..
(Accum Units)	95.34	101.70	...	..
British Blue Chip	86.91	92.53	...	2.72
(Accum Units)	104.50	111.30	...	2.72
Cash	100.20	100.20†	...	5.03
(Accum Units)*	132.90	132.90*	..	5.03
Emerging Mkts	144.30	155.20	...	..
European Growth	257.90	273.40	...	0.58
(Accum Units)	277.60	294.30	...	0.58
European Income	88.67	93.84	..	2.60
(Accum Units)	116.10	122.80†	..	2.60
General	569.70	607.40	..	1.99
(Accum Units)	1090	1162	...	1.99
Global Bond	134.70	141.70	...	5.62
(Accum Units)	155.10	163.20	...	5.62
Gold & General	205.00	230.40	...	0.43
(Accum Units)	209.60	235.40	..	0.43
Govt Securities	102.50	106.00	..	6.71
(Accum Units)	190.50	196.50	..	6.71
Income	170.80	181.70	..	3.75
(Accum Units)	255.40	271.40	..	3.75
International	476.90	508.60	..	0.55
(Accum Units)	635.90	678.30	..	0.55
Japan	194.70	206.50†	..	..
(Accum Units)	199.80	211.90†	..	...
New Europe	184.80	197.10†	...	1.32
(Accum Units)	189.00	201.60†	...	1.32
Pacific	148.40	156.30	...	0.53
(Accum Units)	157.90	168.30	...	0.53
Recovery	367.10	391.60	...	2.29
(Accum Units)	465.60	496.60	...	2.29
UK Smaller Cos	65.17	69.51	...	1.57
(Accum Units)	73.17	78.05	...	1.57
Portfolio	88.28	93.92	...	2.41
(Accum Units)	101.30	107.90	...	2.41

METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD
3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ
0707 662 233

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Eurogrowth Ptst	121.18	128.92	...	0.80
Intl Strategy	69.38	73.81†	...	0.62
UK Income Inc	85.43	90.88	...	5.36

MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
International (US$)	13.25	14.07	...	...

MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT
Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	322.20	342.70†	+ 3.20	...
European Gth Inc	388.60	414.00	+ 2.00	...
Intl Gwth	206.50	220.80	+ 1.00	...
UK Equity Inc	196.40	209.60	+ 2.10	2.80
UK Ind Trckr Inc	174.80	186.80†	+ 1.80	2.61
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	205.70	218.20	+ 1.30	1.41
Japan Tracker	78.22	83.93	- 0.62	...
Asian Trader	252.00	272.20	- 1.20	0.36
Managed Inc	157.50	169.30	+ 0.40	1.53
Deposit Inc	100.10	100.10†	+ 0.01	5.71
Europa	179.40	192.30	+ 0.30	...
Genesis	166.90	181.40	+ 1.10	...
High Income	24.23	25.73	- 0.14	10.00

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX 0345 090 933

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Acumen	102.80	105.00	+ 0.40	1.96
Acumen Inc	98.97	101.10	+ 0.40	1.96
Acumen Reserve	90.50	91.51†	- 0.07	6.47
-do- Inc	82.63	83.47†	- 0.06	6.47
American Income	185.70	190.60†	+ 0.80	1.33
Cash Income	49.51	50.02†	+ 0.01	4.62
Equity Income	110.30	113.30	+ 0.70	4.05
European	77.49	78.92	+ 0.48	0.75
Smaller Cos	87.18	90.87	+ 0.32	0.85
Olympiad	74.87	76.95†	+ 0.56	0.03
Global Bond	49.84	50.39†	- 0.23	5.85
UK Growth	99.19	102.10	+ 0.60	1.42
Pacific Growth	127.80	132.00	+ 1.80	...
Japan Growth	100.00	101.80	- 0.40	...

NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Avon Equity	128.01	136.18†	- 0.78	2.64

NM UNIT TRUST MGRS
Enterprise Hse, Isambard Brunel Rd, Portsmouth Enq: 0705 882 696
Dlg: 0705 882 680

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
NM Managed Portfolio Service				
Cap Gth Inc Inc	115.20	122.50†	+ 0.60	1.45
Open Cap Gth Inc	117.40	124.80†	+ 0.70	1.28
NM Unit Trusts				
American	46.38	49.41	+ 0.29	1.59
Australian	390.90	419.40	+ 7.30	...
Conscience	78.56	83.84	- 0.81	0.42
European	207.40	220.60	- 0.30	0.68
Extra Income	83.63	89.25†	+ 0.11	4.97
Gilt & FI	62.73	66.20†	- 0.06	5.59
Gold	69.66	74.90	- 0.19	..
Income	62.50	66.66	- 0.22	3.49
Intnl	35.22	37.66	+ 0.06	0.66
Jap Smaller Cos	358.00	381.80	- 1.40	...
Sing & Malaysian	264.70	283.80	+ 4.10	...
Smaller Cos	33.14	35.63	- 0.27	0.56
Special Sits	40.47	43.51	+ 0.19	1.41
Sterling Deposit	100.40	100.40†	...	4.75
Tokyo	87.50	93.33	- 0.63	...
UK Equity	192.50	205.30†	+ 1.00	2.42
US Smaller Cos	118.20	126.40	+ 1.60	...

N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF
061 237 5322

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth	83.03	88.34	+ 0.66	1.55
UK Income	122.40	130.30	+ 0.30	3.03
Gilt & Fixed Int	83.80	88.68	- 0.05	5.70
Higher Income	246.40	262.20†	+ 1.40	3.96
Smaller Cos	91.56	97.41	+ 0.60	1.25
International	109.30	116.30	+ 0.90	1.13

NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD
48 Gracechurch St EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Americas Dist	114.90	122.90	+ 1.40	...
European Dist	108.90	116.50	- 0.90	...
Far East Dist	197.10	210.80†	- 0.60	...
Global Cure Dist	78.17	83.60	+ 0.34	1.72
Oseas Dist	1078.2	1153.7	+ 1.30	0.40
UK Dist	379.00	405.30	+ 1.30	2.19
UK Extra Inc Dist	83.29	89.08†	+ 0.56	3.49
Wwide Dist	109.90	117.50	- 0.20	...
Wwide Inc Dist	75.59	80.85	- 0.19	1.88

NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Dlg: 0277 690 280 Admin Enq: 0277 690 398

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Europe Inc	63.40	66.91	- 0.13	0.39
Fund of Funds Inc	62.60	66.07†	+ 0.16	0.50
North America Inc	32.75	35.67	- 0.21	0.05
UK Equity Grth Inc	65.82	69.47	- 0.38	1.48
UK General Inc	64.31	67.87	+ 0.23	1.78
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	32.97	35.77†	- 0.15	5.90
UK Income Inc	65.50	69.13†	+ 0.23	2.25

NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD
71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR
Dealer: 0500 440 000 Private client 0500 550 000 Broker: 0500 660 000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	252.13	268.23†	+ 0.88	3.20
Global	373.74	397.60	+ 1.45	1.04
General	208.83	222.16†	+ 1.01	1.17
Bond	135.98	144.37	- 0.10	6.03
Growth	137.01	145.76	+ 0.71	1.55
Intrepid	128.95	134.33	...	1.70

NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS
PO Box 124, Surrey Street, Norwich
0603 682 234

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Master Trust	172.01	180.43	+ 0.43	1.11
UK Equity	152.79	162.54	- 0.10	2.63
UK Equity Income	146.73	156.10	+ 0.22	3.30
UK Smaller Cos	133.45	141.97†	+ 1.02	1.28
UK Equity Growth	140.12	149.06	- 0.05	2.30
UK Index Trckg	155.28	165.19	+ 1.76	2.89
Intl Index Trckg	149.54	159.08	- 0.07	0.94
International	246.09	261.80	+ 0.80	0.54
European	187.20	199.15†	- 0.26	0.54
Pan European	134.20	142.77	- 0.11	1.01
Nth American	166.03	176.63	+ 1.60	0.47
N Amer Smlr Cos	188.43	200.46†	- 0.70	...
Japanese	97.95	104.20	- 0.48	...
Pacific	267.50	284.57	+ 1.56	...
South East Asian	301.01	320.22	+ 3.20	0.16
Intl Bond	139.56	148.47†	- 0.01	4.58
Gilt & Convertible	116.90	124.36†	- 0.29	8.59
Property	83.38	88.70	+ 0.03	5.49

PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Pearl Centre, Lynch Wd, Peterborough PE2 6FY Dlg: 0800 626 511 Enq: 0733 470 470

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity	263.80	280.60	+ 2.50	1.88
Growth	168.90	177.70	+ 1.50	2.07
Income	267.30	284.30	+ 2.40	2.86
Intl Equity	263.10	279.80	+ 1.10	0.53
UK Income	73.43	78.11†	+ 0.68	2.47
UK Intl 25	84.91	90.32	+ 0.66	1.46
New Europe	76.90	81.80	+ 0.69	0.27

PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417 000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Gwth	637.78	682.12	- 2.31	0.20
Income	377.51	403.76	+ 1.34	2.46
Wwide Recovery	402.03	429.98	- 1.30	0.08
Amer Growth Inc	235.99	252.40†	- 0.39	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	269.89	288.66	+ 1.08	0.01
Far Estn Grth Inc	322.70	345.14	+ 0.70	0.01
Euro Gwth Inc	148.59	158.93	- 0.54	0.52
UK Growth Inc	96.28	102.98	+ 0.22	2.11
High Income	103.16	110.34†	- 0.56	3.38
Jap Gwth Inc	234.37	249.14	- 1.05	0.01
PEP Growth	126.78	135.60	- 0.17	0.65
Asian Str Mkts Inc	151.70	162.25†	+ 0.56	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	143.96	153.97	+ 1.86	0.01
Global Bond	65.16	68.71	- 0.15	5.24
UK Smaller Cos Inc	86.59	92.62	- 0.90	0.88

PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
39 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6RQ Admin & dealing: Unit Trust Accounting & Mgmt Ltd, 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	111.46	118.57	+ 0.99	...
European	73.60	77.23†	...	0.25
Global	73.48	78.17	+ 0.46	...
Pacific	73.15	77.82	+ 0.59	0.05
UK Inc & Grth	71.05	75.59	+ 0.40	1.80

POINTON YORK UT MGRS
The Crescent, King St, Leicester LE1 6RX
0533 558 540

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
BRI Director Digs	112.73	120.05	+ 0.57	..

PORTFOLIO TRUST MGRS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Portfolio	168.54	171.96†	...	0.62

PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
37 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458 721

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Monthly Income	65.16	69.06	+ 0.30	1.72
Growth Income	65.87	69.82	- 0.24	1.29

PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
16 South Park, Sevenoaks TN13 1AN
0732 740 780

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Principal Tst	147.84	157.32†	- 0.53	1.84

PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook EC4N 8LD
Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Income	101.10	107.50†	+ 0.30	2.67
Conv & Gilt	131.70	140.10	+ 0.30	4.97
European Income	79.60	84.68	- 0.31	2.25
Extra Income	170.10	181.00†	+ 0.90	3.32
Far East	437.70	465.70	+ 2.40	0.20
Global Income	29.94	31.86†	+ 0.20	3.91
High Income	129.30	137.50	- 0.60	3.06
International	226.20	240.70	+ 1.40	0.34
Pref & Fxd Int	46.34	49.35†	- 0.05	8.84
Recovery	89.72	95.44	+ 0.35	1.52
Special Sits	118.46	126.00	+ 0.60	1.35
Technology	357.40	380.20	+ 2.40	...
UK Blue Chip	74.77	79.54	- 0.10	2.41

PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone ME14 1XX
0622 674 751

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	58.29	62.01	+ 0.21	2.45
International	97.32	103.53	- 0.09	0.65
Gilt	27.36	28.21†	- 0.07	6.88
Income & Gwth	83.88	89.23†	+ 0.25	3.45
European	53.86	57.30	- 0.31	1.12
American	56.46	60.06	+ 0.46	0.04
Emerging Mkts	107.87	114.75	+ 0.64	0.44
UK Smaller Cos	35.34	37.60	+ 0.25	1.43
Gilt/Fixed Interest	29.59	31.48	+ 0.04	5.07
Global PEP	43.22	45.98	- 0.11	1.36

PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD
2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA
0256 768 588

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Inc	262.70	281.30	+ 1.00	0.66
Japan Inc	109.00	116.60	- 1.20	..
Nth American Inc	120.10	129.00	+ 0.90	0.12
Worldwide Inc	176.80	190.40	+ 0.20	0.65
Hong Kong Inc	195.30	210.50	+ 0.40	0.76
Swiss Equities Inc	71.31	76.39	- 0.17	0.32
Wwide Bond Inc	67.30	71.42	- 0.08	6.10
Emrgng Asia Inc	227.50	247.60	+ 0.01	0.36
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.01	51.03†	+ 1.40	5.41
Thailand Inc	159.90	172.60	- 1.30	0.77
Gold Trust Inc	90.82	98.05	+ 0.12	0.18
New Zealand Inc	100.90	107.90	+ 0.70	0.44
Inc Mngd PEP Inc	71.48	77.47	+ 0.17	3.46
Latin Am Cmp Inc	105.20	113.10†	+ 1.30	0.03
UK All Sh Mirr Inc	65.05	69.85	+ 0.27	1.83
Le Fond Français	74.03	79.73	- 0.38	0.37
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	83.59	89.40	+ 0.42	1.41
Global Portfolio	76.76	82.10	+ 0.39	..
Global Opps	75.76	81.03	+ 0.32	0.42
Marsh Global Grth	76.64	81.27	- 0.71	1.30
AAM Global Equity	63.60	67.66	+ 1.65	0.71
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	99.62	107.70	+ 0.70	0.84
CAM Brit Inc Inc	50.21	52.91†	- 0.04	1.90
CAM Int Recvy Inc	35.00	38.73	- 0.73	0.84
Temple Equity Inc	52.92	57.10†	+ 0.32	2.76
Hartley Growth	84.84	90.26	+ 0.46	1.16
Intl Growth Inc	85.27	91.20	.	1.42
IPS Portfolio Inc	93.50	100.00†	+ 2.74	0.22
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	52.91	54.99†	+ 0.20	..
Premier Perfms Inc	74.69	79.88†	+ 0.26	0.35
Roxburgh Strat Gth	79.56	85.09	+ 0.50	0.73
Tech Analysis	116.40	123.80	- 0.40	0.72
Rosebery Growth	48.79	52.30	+ 0.25	...
International Strat	84.39	90.26	+ 0.83	...
UPC Ind-Act Grth	59.91	64.21	+ 0.23	...
Coverdale Topout	55.86	60.18	+ 0.26	...
Prem Equity Inc	101.70	108.10	- 0.40	...
Lowes Intl Growth	47.96	50.48	+ 0.03	...

PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
25-31 Moorgate, London EC2R 6BA
071 588 3903

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Gth	180.70	192.20	+ 1.70	1.41
European Gth	101.70	107.60	+ 0.80	0.41
Income & Gth	151.10	160.70	+ 1.40	2.41
Japan Gth	125.90	133.40	- 0.10	...
Nth Amer Gth	124.70	132.70	+ 1.00	...
Overseas Gth	94.43	100.50	+ 0.88	...

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51-59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL
081 478 3377 Client Enq 071 911 4490 Intermed dlg: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925 091

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed Tst	38.85	41.55	+ 0.16	1.30
Cash Haven Inc	101.66	102.18	+ 0.01	4.17
Cash Haven Acc	107.85	108.38	+ 0.01	4.17
Global Growth	95.94	102.60†	+ 0.22	0.78
Equity Inc	94.95	101.55	- 0.85	3.08
Equity	795.08	850.35	- 1.31	2.05
European	215.90	230.90	- 0.71	0.76
High Income	101.77	108.84†	+ 0.13	3.73
Intl Grth	192.96	206.37†	- 0.76	0.92
Intl Sm Co	85.00	90.90	+ 0.52	0.26
Japanese	212.28	227.03	- 0.76	...
Nth Amer	165.19	176.67	+ 0.45	0.68
Pacific Mkts	118.83	127.09†	- 1.27	0.65
Premier Inc	53.64	55.84†	- 0.08	5.76
Sm Cos	100.05	107.04	+ 1.19	1.34
Spec Sits	120.65	129.03†	+ 0.70	1.89
UK Growth	132.94	142.18	+ 0.60	1.83

RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD
Reliance House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent
0892 510 033

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British Life	340.80	361.40	+ 3.30	2.53
Reliance Inc	188.90	200.90	+ 2.70	1.66

ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD
Bulman House, Regent Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3NG 091 285 2995

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed	106.20	112.70†	...	1.73

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4
Dealers: 071 280 5000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
FA America (Inc)	542.22	577.51	+ 3.01	0.77
FA America (Acc)	631.85	672.97	+ 3.51	0.77
FA UK Equity Inc	180.14	192.32	- 1.09	2.77
FA Japan	280.57	299.29	- 1.75	...
FA Major UK Cos	106.39	113.46	+ 0.70	1.85
FA Smllr UK Cos	324.86	351.68	+ 2.43	0.79
FA European	320.02	338.73	+ 0.76	0.47
FA Amer Smllr Cos	48.51	51.85	+ 0.08	...
FA Asia	60.42	64.83	+ 0.60	...
FA Jap Smllr Cos	51.00	54.49	- 0.67	...
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	104.21	109.69	+ 0.67	...
UK Smllr Cos	91.53	96.34	+ 0.66	...
UK Income	103.33	108.76	+ 0.61	...
America	108.18	113.87	+ 0.59	...
Japanese	61.57	64.80	- 0.38	...
European	101.49	106.82	+ 0.24	...
Gilt	91.62	96.43	+ 0.12	...
Deposit	79.31	83.48	+ 0.01	...
Managed	107.06	112.69	+ 0.56	...
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	101.72	107.07	+ 0.66	...
UK Smaller Cos	89.66	94.37	+ 0.64	...
UK Income	101.07	106.38	+ 0.60	...
America	105.58	111.13	+ 0.59	...
Japanese	60.11	63.27	- 0.37	...
European	99.10	104.31	+ 0.23	...
Gilt	90.15	94.88	- 0.08	...
Deposit	75.84	79.83	+ 0.02	...
Managed	101.69	107.03	+ 0.59	...

ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD
PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 0UE
Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000
Dealing: 0733 395 000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
United States	75.96	81.15	+ 0.63	0.11
Pacific Basin	90.90	97.38	+ 0.42	...
High Inc Dist	143.80	153.70	+ 1.60	3.95
Ryl Life Int Cnsrv	65.38	69.53	+ 0.18	3.24
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	71.35	76.30	+ 0.39	0.31
Ryl Life Intl Spec	66.48	70.71	+ 0.58	...
UK Emerging Cos	129.50	140.00	+ 0.40	1.35
UK Index Trckg	181.20	193.10	+ 2.00	2.87
European	125.60	134.70	+ 0.30	0.28
Managed	153.80	165.40†	+ 1.20	0.78

ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
Royal Ldn Hse, Colchester CO1 1RA
0206 764 400

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	156.00	165.10†	+ 2.00	0.27
European Growth	112.60	119.10	+ 1.80	0.48
Far East Growth	155.50	165.50†	+ 1.30	...
Japan Growth	151.00	160.50	- 1.20	...
Special Sits	216.20	230.00	- 1.80	1.13
UK Growth	84.56	89.95	+ 0.78	1.59
Triton General	252.90	269.10	- 1.70	0.27

ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NS
041 307 6500

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Far East Inc	198.20	209.70	- 1.90	0.21
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	358.50	379.40	+ 2.00	0.42
Growth Inc	134.90	142.80	+ 0.20	0.03
International Inc	353.10	373.60	- 0.80	...
Nth Am & Intl Inc	340.60	360.40	+ 0.40	0.47
UK Gen Prog Inc	224.20	237.20	+ 0.40	0.70
UK High Inc Inc	152.80	161.70	+ 0.40	3.11

SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD
City Place Hse, 55 Basinghall St EC2V 5DU
071 330 0522

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	67.13	71.41	+ 0.57	...
Amer Smllr Cos	86.29	91.80	+ 0.98	...
Asian Gwth	132.17	140.60	+ 1.71	0.75
European Gwth	73.67	78.37	+ 0.57	1.00
Global Bd	63.50	67.12	+ 0.02	5.00
Global Eq	72.20	76.81	+ 0.85	0.50
Japanese Eq	61.25	65.16	+ 0.10	...
Japan Sm Cos	72.08	76.68	- 0.18	...
UK Gen	60.98	64.87	+ 0.52	2.80
UK Gwth	66.01	70.23	+ 0.61	1.75

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB
0708 766 966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc & Gwth	74.31	79.05	+ 0.40	3.46
Amer Smlr Cos	113.20	120.40†	+ 1.00	...
Asian Smaller Cos	64.78	68.91	+ 0.97	...
Capital Portfolio	144.90	154.20	+ 1.90	1.56
Capital	180.90	192.40	+ 2.00	0.90
Cash	121.70	121.70	- 0.10	3.69
China Dragon	81.79	87.01	+ 0.46	0.78
Commodity	144.10	153.30	+ 1.90	0.51
Eastern Discovery	127.80	136.00	+ 0.80	...
Energy Inds	125.00	133.00†	+ 1.50	0.29
European Gwth	203.00	216.00	+ 2.40	0.61
Euro Inc & Gwth	83.61	88.95†	- 0.86	1.38
Euro Smllr Cos	53.41	56.82	+ 0.38	0.50
Financial Secs	226.50	241.00	+ 2.60	0.97
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	55.08	58.15	- 0.12	7.30
Gold & Exploration	91.82	97.68	+ 1.47	0.26
High Return	257.50	273.90†	+ 3.10	3.99
High Yield	253.10	269.30	+ 2.30	3.07
Income	134.10	142.70†	+ 1.40	3.42
Intl Bond	177.50	187.60	...	5.01
ITU	238.70	253.90	+ 2.70	0.50
Japan Growth	175.00	186.20	- 1.20	...
Japan Smaller	201.80	214.70	- 0.20	...
Korea	85.33	90.78	- 1.24	...
Masterfund	59.16	62.94	+ 0.46	0.72
Scotbits	337.30	358.80†	+ 4.00	0.79
Scotshares	321.20	341.70	+ 3.70	1.56
Scotyields	266.20	283.20	+ 2.60	3.29
Select Intl	157.00	167.00	+ 0.90	0.50
Smaller Cos Inc Inc	277.00	294.70	+ 1.50	3.13
SE Asia	718.20	764.00	+ 9.00	...
Special Situation	135.80	144.50	- 1.90	0.53
UK Equity	267.40	284.50†	+ 3.30	1.98
UK Growth	73.34	78.02	+ 1.37	1.29
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	52.16	55.49†	+ 0.30	0.96
US Growth	154.30	164.10	+ 1.30	0.06
Univ Growth	156.80	166.80	+ 1.10	0.32

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St EC4V 4EJ Client: 0800 526 535 Broker: 0800 526 540 General Enquiries: 071 382 3000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Retail Funds				
American	260.29	276.80	- 1.04	0.72
Australian	...	...	...	...
European Gwth	76.06	81.08	- 0.69	0.62
Euro Smllr Cos	72.77	77.58	- 0.03	0.12
Far Eastern Gth	110.98	118.37†	- 0.07	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	58.72	61.89	- 0.35	6.64
Global Bond	54.72	56.52†	- 0.16	5.02
Global Emer Mkts	66.88	71.33	+ 0.16	...
Income	395.22	421.56	- 1.29	3.14
Japan Smllr Cos	490.23	522.91†	- 3.23	...
Japan Enterprise	72.67	77.51	+ 0.12	...
Pacific Gwth	152.67	162.84†	+ 0.73	...
Seoul	56.16	59.90	- 1.34	...
Smaller Cos	233.57	249.14	+ 2.34	0.56
Tokyo	122.24	130.38	- 0.58	...
UK Enterprise	269.85	287.83†	- 0.35	1.84
UK Equity	261.37	278.76†	- 0.79	2.18
US Smllr Cos	159.45	170.07	+ 0.02	...
World Fd	86.18	91.92†	- 0.22	1.67
Institutional Funds				
European	240.44	250.49†	- 0.11	1.08
Euro Smllr Cos	29.92	31.16	+ 0.11	1.47
Global Equity Inc	81.74	85.14	+ 0.38	0.63
Japan Smllr Cos	37.93	39.51†	- 0.07	0.07
Mngd Balanced	201.32	209.70	+ 0.23	2.42
Overseas Equity	196.59	204.78†	+ 0.28	0.56
Oseas Smllr Cos	128.56	133.91	+ 0.42	0.28
Pacific	297.08	309.45	+ 2.66	0.63
Recovery	2152.6	2242.3†	+11.14	2.18
UK Index	169.59	176.65	+ 1.61	2.71
UK Small Cos	129.32	134.70	+ 0.85	2.28
US Smllr Cos	45.50	47.39	+ 0.02	0.17

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ
041 204 2200

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Income	56.36	60.02	+ 0.59	2.70
Equity Trust	65.04	69.27	+ 0.82	2.01
Equity Strategy	74.89	79.76	+ 1.33	0.83
European Opps	89.31	95.12	+ 0.65	0.49
UK Smaller Cos	70.85	75.46	+ 1.25	0.91
Maximum Income	97.77	100.30	+ 0.01	4.98
Japanese	79.45	84.61	- 0.01	0.01
Asia Pacific	154.08	164.09	+ 2.23	0.47
American	112.46	119.77	+ 1.37	0.15

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD
28 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 0800 454 422

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	29.88	29.88	...	4.863
UK General Inc	57.07	60.81	+ 0.52	2.13
Intl Income	305.03	324.90	+ 2.40	2.64
European	78.68	83.26†	+ 0.63	1.16
Japan	71.83	76.23	- 0.53	0.08
American	70.73	75.16	+ 0.55	1.79
Far East	103.30	114.46	+ 2.50	0.11
Ethical Inc	34.39	36.78†	+ 0.32	1.55
UK Blue Chip Inc	36.27	38.79†	+ 0.30	2.20
High Inc Inc	41.57	44.35	+ 0.32	2.99
UK Global Inc	44.06	47.01†	+ 0.94	1.15
Wwide Tact	83.74	89.56	+ 0.73	0.22
Europe 2000 Tact	55.07	58.44	+ 0.72	0.90
Technology	108.09	115.30	+ 0.96	0.24

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	417.50	445.60	+ 0.70	2.25
American	286.10	303.80	+ 3.50	0.52
Pacific	445.20	476.10	+ 2.60	0.36
European	554.10	592.60	+ 2.10	0.78
Worldwide	103.20	109.30	+ 0.70	0.01

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN
041 248 6100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity Inc	300.80	320.00†	+ 3.00	1.90
UK Slr Co Eq Inc	225.30	239.70†	+ 2.40	1.22
Select Opporty Inc	76.72	82.06	+ 0.54	1.69
Income Plus Inc	81.32	86.52	+ 1.10	2.81
European Inc	362.70	385.90	- 1.70	0.90
Far Eastern Inc	201.70	214.60	+ 2.10	0.95
Japanese Inc	65.85	70.06	+ 0.05	...
Nth American Inc	263.70	280.60	+ 2.50	0.37
Intl Growth Inc	223.20	237.50†	+ 1.00	0.70
Wwide Venture Inc	87.91	93.53	+ 0.70	1.17

SCOTTISH PROV INV MGMT LTD
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA
031 558 2369

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Growth Inc	26.50	28.36	+ 0.23	2.36
Intl Growth Inc	33.68	36.05	+ 0.15	0.62
Market Leaders Inc	25.34	27.12	+ 0.17	2.28

SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT
PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU
031 655 3724

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Inc	411.20	438.60	+ 4.60	2.44
UK High Inc	214.70	229.00	+ 2.30	3.14
Europe Inc	351.40	374.80	+ 2.30	0.75
Nth Amer Inc	228.10	243.30	+ 1.90	0.06
Global Inc	228.40	243.60	+ 1.80	0.84
UK Spec Sits Inc	116.60	124.30	+ 1.30	2.53
South East Asia	267.30	285.00	+ 4.30	1.83
Cash Trust Inc	100.60	100.60	...	4.57
UK Smllr Cos Inc	117.90	125.70	+ 0.90	1.44
Intl Bond Inc	101.60	107.90	- 0.10	5.63

SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Sector Recovery	183.80	193.10†	+ 0.90	3.45

SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO
5 Rayleigh Rd Hutton, Brentwood Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	129.80	136.60†	+ 0.30	1.39
Nth American	110.20	116.00†	+ 1.20	0.91
Intl Bond & Conv	140.90	148.30	...	4.67
Pooled Pension (£)	203.80	214.80	...	..
Smaller Cos	78.01	82.12	+ 0.58	1.18
UK General	143.50	151.10	+ 1.10	1.83

SHEPPARDS UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	470.43	500.46	+ 0.44	3.69
Global Inc	74.93	79.71	+ 0.21	2.36
Brit Leaders	371.88	395.62	+ 0.75	2.04
Intl Leaders	221.66	235.83	+ 1.02	0.57
PAM Mg Bal Grth	69.60	72.31	+ 0.50	0.59

SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
21 New St, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European ‡	123.10	...	- 0.60	...
Global Bond ‡	108.50	...	- 0.30	6.67
Samurai ‡	92.85	...	- 0.53	...
UK Growth ‡	124.20	..	+ 0.60	3.18
Tai Pan ‡	119.30	...	- 0.50	..

SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS
1 Riding House St, London W1A 3AS
071 637 5377

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	304.20	321.80	+ 0.40	0.42
Canadian	87.49	92.58	+ 1.19	0.11
Capital	148.30	158.90†	+ 1.30	0.90
Cash	101.54	101.54	+ 0.01	4.87
European	140.20	148.30	+ 1.40	0.22
Far Eastern	184.60	198.20†	+ 2.00	0.68
Growth	162.00	171.40†	+ 1.60	0.77
Income	146.00	154.50	+ 1.90	3.96
Magnum	159.20	170.80	+ 1.40	0.82
Smllr Secs	406.90	430.50	+ 6.80	0.20
Thoroughbred	184.60	198.20†	+ 2.00	0.68

SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
12 Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth
0202 298 422

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	50.03	50.53	...	4.34
Conrthld Prinmce	82.97	87.16†	+ 0.08	7.10
Ethical	64.97	69.11	+ 0.37	2.90
European Growth	75.13	80.14	- 0.10	2.00
Income	63.18	67.39	+ 0.24	4.80
Intl Growth	102.20	109.00	+ 0.50	2.30
Managed	86.89	92.68	+ 0.27	2.90
UK Growth	68.89	73.48†	+ 0.19	3.20

STANDARD LIFE TST MGMT LTD
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393 777

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed Acc	54.91	58.35	- 0.50	1.21
UK Equity Gth Acc	80.15	85.16	+ 0.90	0.88
-do- High Inc Inc	43.34	46.05	+ 0.30	2.68
-do- High Inc Acc	52.04	55.30	+ 0.30	2.68
UK Equity Gen Acc	68.10	72.36	+ 0.80	1.65
UK Equity Gen Inc	51.34	54.55	+ 0.60	1.65
UK Lrgr Co Acc	470.70	510.80	+ 6.10	2.96
UK Lrgr Co Inc	357.20	387.60	+ 4.70	2.96
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	34.78	36.79	- 0.10	5.41
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	324.10	351.70	+ 1.40	1.11
Nth American Acc	47.07	50.02	+ 0.90	0.56
Far East Acc	73.57	78.17	+ 0.20	0.03
European Acc	52.13	55.39	+ 0.50	0.50

STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD
28 King Street, London SW1 6QW 071 344 7000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global A (NZ$)	4.084	4.338	...	1.21
US Eqts (US$)	2.411	2.559	...	0.64
Far East Eqts (yen)	250.40	266.00	...	...
Japan Eqties (yen)	256.00	271.90	...	...
FT Europe	136.90	145.40	...	1.66
FT N Amer (US$)	1.821	1.931	...	1.15
FT Japan (yen)	243.50	250.80	...	...
FT Asia ExJap (US$)	2.850	3.027	...	0.68

STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	381.20	407.10	+ 4.00	0.06
British	1160.5	1227.8	+ 5.40	1.97
Emrging Mkts	181.60	193.40	- 1.40	0.20
European	520.90	554.30	+ 1.70	1.01
Japan	161.10	170.90	- 1.10	..
New Pacific	445.40	474.40	+ 3.90	0.67
Investment Tst	258.60	274.10	+ 1.50	0.90
Mngd Equity	190.60	201.70	+ 0.20	1.29
Mngd Cash	95.70	95.70†	+ 0.01	4.63
Majority Stg	99.88	103.69†	...	4.33

SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 389

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity	912.10	975.50†	+ 5.10	2.24
North America	135.90	145.30†	+ 0.80	0.27
Far East	169.10	180.90†	+ 1.60	...
Wwide Bond	63.15	67.04	- 0.14	5.06
European	107.20	114.70	+ 0.20	...
Equity Income	105.10	112.40	+ 0.50	3.15
Portfolio	93.72	100.20	+ 0.50	0.46
UK Leading Cos	64.37	68.48	+ 0.18	2.72
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	74.02	79.17	+ 0.60	...

SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD
Basing View, Basingstoke, Hants 0800 525 725

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	36.70	39.26	+ 0.08	0.43
Managed Assets	139.94	149.67†	+ 0.63	2.25
UK Income	44.01	47.08	+ 0.37	2.36
UK Growth	43.37	46.39	+ 0.36	1.77
Worldwide Growth	37.18	39.77	+ 0.03	0.21

SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD
101 Cannon St, London EC4N 5AD
Admin & Enq 071 606 4044 Dlg 071 606 6010

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Master Portfolio	53.61	57.34	+ 0.42	...
Cap Protector Inc	47.83	51.15	+ 0.04	2.19
UK Income Inc	58.57	62.64†	- 0.10	2.50
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	35.71	38.18†	...	3.34
Mngd High Yld Inc	89.51	95.73	- 0.18	3.45
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	85.61	91.56	- 0.30	2.48
Mngd Wwide Gth	39.99	42.77	+ 0.19	...
UK Smaller Cos	38.85	41.55	+ 0.24	1.44
Pacific Grth Port	53.53	57.25	+ 0.30	...

SWISS LIFE UNIT TST MAN CO LTD
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	606.70	642.00	+ 1.70	1.81
Fixed Int Dist	128.70	133.40	- 0.10	6.77
UK Indx Trck Dist	144.90	153.30†	+ 0.50	2.48

TSB UNIT TRUSTS
Charlton Pl, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE
0264 346 794

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	232.42	247.25	+ 2.26	..
Brit Growth	104.14	110.79	- 0.28	1.51
European	114.97	122.31†	- 0.52	0.08
Extra Income	228.69	243.29	- 0.55	3.30
Smaller Cos	83.03	88.33	+ 0.69	0.63
General	321.36	341.88†	+ 1.23	1.87
Premier Income	57.33	59.72†	- 0.02	5.30
Income	395.19	420.41	+ 1.44	2.95
Pacific	464.45	494.09	- 2.59	.
International	590.83	628.54	+ 1.18	0.02
Nat Resources	189.17	201.24	+ 4.92	...
Stead Opps	124.35	132.29	+ 0.37	0.79
Environmental Inv	69.56	74.00	- 0.28	1.09
Selector	71.99	76.59	+ 0.39	1.79
High Income	74.19	78.93	+ 0.10	3.65
Intl Income	64.51	68.63	- 0.08	4.52
Selector Income	69.67	74.11	+ 0.09	4.44

TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon
081 686 4355

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British	370.50	389.90	- 0.70	2.37

TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh EH3 8HA
031 228 3932

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Glob Growth Inc	215.16	230.12	+ 2.41	1.36
Glob Balncd Inc	183.19	195.92	+ 1.53	2.41
Value Tst Inc	129.22	138.20	+ 0.88	1.25

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
33 Queen Street, London EC4R 1AX
071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Smllr Cos	70.02	74.68	+ 0.28	...
European Opps	...	...	...	...
Dresdner Eur Bd	44.72	46.98	- 0.03	8.07
Japan Tst	88.24	94.02	- 0.28	...
Little Dragons	120.21	128.22	+ 1.98	0.36
Oriental Income	54.37	57.99	+ 0.31	4.27
Tiger	334.73	357.04	+ 2.93	0.45
UK Blue Chip	69.84	74.62†	...	2.65
UK Smllr Cos	109.82	117.45	+ 0.57	1.71
Formerly AEtna				
Nth Amer Gwth	234.61	249.59†	+ 2.30	0.63
European Growth	289.98	307.63	+ 0.24	0.82
Exempt	592.18	617.51†	+ 0.96	3.10
Far Eastern	...	...	...	...
UK High Yield	118.62	126.19†	+ 0.48	3.03
Iberian Growth	52.18	55.51	+ 0.49	..
Intl Growth	115.99	123.37	+ 0.28	1.00
Preference	134.08	142.64	+ 0.33	7.57
UK Recovery	300.65	319.84	+ 1.41	1.95
UK Smlr Cos Div	113.65	120.90†	- 1.08	4.02
Smaller Cos	...	...	...	...
UK Growth	566.64	602.81†	- 1.94	1.97

WARDLEY UNIT TST MGRS LTD
3 Harbour Exchange Sqr, London E14 9GJ
071 955 5855

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Exempt	371.70	391.30	...	2.01

WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 1551

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Australasian Gold	35.03	37.26	+ 0.03	0.50
Pacific Basin	44.43	47.26	- 0.48	0.60
Can Balned Gwth	39.22	41.72	- 0.26	...
Global Bond (US$)	0.9542	0.9939	-0.000	5.82
Penny Share	31.75	33.77	- 0.05	1.50

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 0462

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Challenger	106.10	108.60	+ 0.10	...
Short Dtd Gilt	116.60	118.10	...	...
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.7232	0.7323	-0.000	2.27
Gilt Income	56.41	58.70	- 0.03	6.25
Gilt Growth	78.98	82.18	- 0.05	...
City Reserve	51.97	51.96†	+ 0.01	4.36

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG
081 298 4000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Stockmarket Fd	85.14	90.57	- 0.44	1.52

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

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Early gains wiped out

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began January 31. Dealings end February 11. §Contango day February 14. Settlement day February 21. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
524	345	Abbey Nat	502	-8	11.8	3.0	19.4
314	179	Allied Irish	282	-4	...	3.6	14.9
265½	130	Aus New Z	265½	+2½	...	3.4	20.9
3806¼	2712½	Bankamerica	3037½	+6¼	...	...	...
319	177	Bk of Ireland	303	-3	...	4.1	22.3
375	325	Bk Leumi UK	375	...	17.0	5.7	...
247	116½	Bank Scotland	227½	-2½	4.6	2.6	30.9
652	362	Barclays	628	-5	...	2.5	...
54	15½	Cadlisle	54	...	...	...	...
650	395	Cater Allen	648	...	28.0	5.4	...
190	85	Cattles	171	...	...	3.3	22.8
2487½	1563½	Chase Manh	2300	...	...	...	...
2912½	1343½	Citicorp	2912½	+6¼	...	...	...
569	260	Close Bros	557	-1	...	2.5	20.3
£153½	9171½	Commerzbk	£140½	-300¼	...	2.7	...
£348½	£280½	Deutsche Bk	£316½	-350	...	1.9	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	88 †	+1	...	2.1	∞
1651	876	Fuji Bank Y	1374½	-36½	...	0.4	...
529	343	Gerrard Nat	510	...	21.5	5.3	13.6
1068	490	HSBC	1056	+16	20.0	2.4	25.3
1084	474	HSBC HK	1076	+18	20.0	2.3	25.7
473	243	Hambros	464	-7	14.3	3.9	21.4
435	313	Joseph (L)	435	...	16.7	4.8	...
170	96	King Shaxson	168	...	9.0	6.7	...
693	312	Kleinwort Ben	691	+3	16.7	3.0	24.0
690	492	Lloyds	639	...	19.1	3.7	18.3
119	63	Lon Scot Bk	117 †	...	3.4	3.6	∞
620½	322	Nat Aust Bk	620½	+2½	...	3.8	15.1
634	308	Nat West	581	-10	17.8	3.8	35.3
573	270	Provident	538	+13	12.4	2.9	23.3
67	39	Rea Bros	64	...	0.5	1.1	68.0
528	207	Ryl Bk Scot	515 †	+5	...	2.7	23.3
1425	467½	Schroders	1418	...	...	1.1	28.3
1435	576	Stand Chart	1415	+5	20.5	1.8	...
291	145½	TSB	282	-½	...	3.5	21.8
196	78	Union Disc	196	+10	...	...	...
1012	529	Warburg SG	1005	-2	...	3.5	14.7
9262½	4843½	Wells Fargo	9162½	+37½	...	2.0	...
260	121	Westpac	259	-1	...	2.1	∞
390	188	Wintrust	390	...	...	3.1	34.6

BREWERIES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
697	517	Allied-Lyons	646 †	-3	...	4.1	17.0
647	441	Bass	560 †	-5	...	4.4	14.9
299	189	Boddington	284	+2	7.5	3.3	16.6
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	448 †	+14	...	2.9	18.0
193	129	Burtonwd Brw	174 †	...	4.7	3.4	14.5
181	75	Eldridge P 'A'	168 †	...	...	2.6	23.3
70½	50	Fosters Brewing	63½	...	...	4.5	76.1
465	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	465	+5	7.5	2.0	19.5
506	373	Grand Met	473 †	-11	...	3.4	18.4
511	347	Greenalls Grp	471 †	+1	...	3.3	16.2
584	505	Greene King	564 †	+2	...	2.8	15.8
542	388	Guinness	532	-3	...	2.8	19.9
80	31	Halkin Hldgs	73	...	...	...	57.0
281	230	Hardy Hansn	261 †	...	...	4.1	14.0
150	105	Heavitree	150	...	3.0	2.6	35.8
434	255	Highland Dist	433	+10	...	1.9	21.5
3150	2538	Holt J	3150	...	42.0	1.7	20.5
323	250	Invrgordn Dist	301	...	...	2.9	17.2
186	118	Macallan-Glen	149	-6	4.3	3.7	33.5
465	365	Macdn Martn 'A'	445	...	...	2.5	21.2
246	164	Mansfield	225	...	...	2.2	16.1
302	231	Mrstn Thmp	298	...	...	2.3	16.6
595	288½	Matthew Clark	583	-1	...	3.9	33.0
300	210	Mrydwn W	238	...	7.0	3.7	21.3
580	455	Morland	543 †	...	...	2.2	18.7
12	6½	Paramount	10½	...	...	1.8	18.9
233	145	Regent Inns	233	...	...	2.4	23.7
1521½	753½	SA Breweries	1387½	+50	...	2.0	22.9
591	393	Scot & New	573 †	-6	...	3.7	17.5
225	155½	Tamson Cider	183 †	-1	6.2	4.3	14.3
306	213	Vaux Group	303 †	...	...	3.9	19.5
411	225	Wetherspoon JD	411	...	...	1.6	31.9
617	435	Whitbread 'A'	580	-2	...	3.9	13.9
613	463	Wolvrhmptn D	557	+6	...	2.8	15.6
525	475	Young 'A'	525	...	14.7	3.5	21.7

BUILDING, ROADS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
205	73	Abbey	205 †	...	...	1.2	33.7
27	12	Albrighton▲	23 †	-2	...	0.5	...
198	87	Allen▲	198	+9	...	3.2	44.9
159	65	Amec	157	+2	3.0	2.4	29.0
15½	4	Anglia Sec	12½	-1½	...	...	...
380	150	Ashtead▲	388	...	...	1.5	41.0
157	101	Attwoods	155	...	...	4.0	...
363	180	BPB Ind	358	-2	...	2.7	42.8
127	57	Baggeridge Brk	124 †	...	...	3.2	37.3
41	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	39	...	0.6	1.9	...
108	71	Barcon	72 †	...	...	5.2	8.6
57	32½	Barlon	56	...	2.0	4.5	27.6
278	94	Barratt Devs	275	...	...	1.8	29.5
280	152½	Bellway	280	+4	...	2.7	26.3
59	15	Bellwinch	58	+1	...	...	...
236	221	Beriskford Intl	229½†	-5½	...	...	...
564	295½	Berkeley Gp	560 †	+2	...	1.4	30.2
151	45	Bett Bros	150	...	...	1.7	19.4
68	36	Blockleys	66	...	1.0	1.9	72.9
391	189	Blue Circle	367	-2	...	3.8	...
355	230	Boot (Henry)	342	...	6.0	2.2	19.1
114	78	Breedon PLC	114	+3	4.6	5.0	28.0
143	82	Br Dredging	143	+3	5.2	4.5	31.7
86	45	Brit Fittings	79	...	1.7	2.8	...
197½	99	Bryant	185	...	...	3.2	37.3
146	53	CALA	145	...	...	2.0	...
390	200	CRH	385	-4	...	2.2	21.1
51	18	Cakebread Rby	51	+3	...	...	...
41½	21	Costain	40	-1	...	...	...
179	86½	Countryside	179	+1	...	2.9	∞
114	35½	Crest Nicholson	113 ‡	+4	...	1.1	∞
138	27	Cussins	138	+10	...	0.9	...
29½	15	Edmond Hldgs	25	...	0.3	1.5	...
295	178	Epwin	295	+7	7.0	3.0	25.0
82	32	Erith	80	...	0.3	0.5	...
506	252	Eve Group▲	470	...	...	2.8	17.7
244	97	Freeman Gp▲	222	...	5.0	2.8	35.3
51	38	Galliford	51	+4	...	2.5	...
89	52	Gibbs & Dandy	89	+2	...	2.8	...
1010	695	Gleeson (MJ)	1010	+10	...	1.6	17.6
173½	75	Hewden-Stuart	173	+2	...	2.0	37.0
51	28	Hewetson	50	...	...	3.2	36.5
464	173	Heywd Wim	463 †	+25	13.0	4.0	...
145	37	Higgs & Hill	134	-2	2.5	2.3	...
38	26	How Gp	33	-1	...	4.3	...
28	15	Howard Hldgs	26	...	0.5	2.4	...
92	39	Ibstock Johnsen	91	+½	1.0	1.4	...
25	12½	Jarvis	23	...	...	...	...
405	196	Laing (J)	395	-9	9.0	2.8	15.8
153½	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	152	-1	...	5.3	...
145	55	Ln Clydesdale▲	138 †	...	4.8	4.3	∞
230	100	Lovell (Y)	157	+17	...	...	71.3
405	240	Manders	399	+1	9.3	2.9	24.4
213½	93	Marley	201	-3	4.2	2.6	59.0
148	61	Marshalls	148 †	+7	...	3.4	...
253	122	Maunders (J)	253	...	...	2.5	24.4
299	96	McAlpine (A)	280	+2	6.5	2.9	48.5
82½	23	McCarthy & S	79	...	0.5	0.8	...
569	272	Meyer Int	539 †	-15	...	2.3	54.0
188½	62	Mowlem (J)	169	...	4.0	3.0	...
192	51	NSM	192	+6	...	...	...
53	46	Needler▲	46	...	...	3.9	21.5
196	106	Newman Tnks	194	...	...	4.3	25.9
381	197	Persimmon	368½	+13½	8.6	2.9	37.6
26	9	Phoenix Timber	17	...	...	3.1	22.0
1781½	1257½	Pochins	1781½	...	29.0	2.0	25.4
198	80	Prowting	181	...	3.4	2.3	...
1079	555	RMC Gp	986	+4	...	2.5	37.0
117	75½	Raine Ind	105½	+4½	...	3.6	25.0
36	18	Ramus▲	29 †	+1	...	...	...
640	402	Redland	622	-6	25.0	5.0	36.2
86	64	Roskel	73	...	4.3	7.4	10.6
371	207	Rugby Group	337	-8	6.4	2.4	25.8
68	23	Swfld-Rve▲	60	+1	...	0.5	...
189	68	Sharpe & Fisher	189	+6	...	2.6	32.9
276	86½	Sheffield Insl	275	+1	...	2.5	67.5
268	82	Sherif Hldgs	260 †	...	...	1.7	24.7
110	66	Shorco▲	109	...	5.2	6.0	24.8
245	196	Smart (J)	240	...	...	4.4	18.1
6½	1½	Starmin	3	...	...	...	...
204½	100	Tarmac	193	-5	5.5	3.6	...
235	131	Tay Homes	235	...	...	3.1	29.0
183	63	Taylor Woodrw	166	-3	1.0	0.8	...
753	433	Tilbury Dougls	751	-1	33.0	5.5	24.4
60	19	Torex Hires	59 †	-1	0.4	0.8	...
370	168	Travis Perkins	358	+2	8.0	2.6	63.0
29½	5½	Trencherwood	27½	+1	...	...	...
43	25	Try Group	34	-2	1.0	3.7	9.6
28	21	Tudor▲	21	...	0.2	1.5	...
112	41	Vibroplant	112	...	2.5	2.8	40.3
74	20	Ward Hldgs	71	-2	...	...	...
45	25	Waterhouse	45	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	460	...	...	3.3	19.8
225½	90	Westbury	219	+3	5.0	2.9	34.2
7	3	Wiggins	6½	...	...	...	...
366	362	Wilson Bowdn	364	+10	...	2.0	39.7
254	147	Wilson (C)	252	...	3.9	1.9	43.7
236	104	Wimpey G	226	-7	...	2.9	...
47	15	YRM	28	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
685	463	ADT	685	+15	...	...	...
388	198	Adam & Harvey	368	...	13.0	4.4	6.7
92	56	Air London▲	69	...	3.5	6.3	12.3
56	37	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	5.3	...
178	93	Auto Sec	139	...	...	5.5	24.9
162	84	BET Ord	156	+1½	...	1.8	6.3
145	41	BNB Res	145	+3	4.9	4.2	...
318	183	BPP	254	...	8.3	4.1	14.0
178	154	BSM	175	-1	...	4.1	15.3
285	195	Barbour Index	220	...	8.1	4.7	14.8
28	15	Boustead	23	...	0.7	3.8	...
269	184	Brit Data Mgt	204	+8	4.7	2.9	14.9
36	11	Broadcastle▲	25	...	...	1.2	19.9
73	48	Brooks Service	70	+5	...	0.9	...
110	86	CRT Gp	110	+5	...	3.3	19.7
240	139½	Capita Group	222	+7	...	1.3	34.7
59	31	Carlisle Plc	59	...	...	1.9	22.7
55	18½	Chiltern Capital	28½	+3	...	...	...
70	26	Christie	66	...	...	...	...
423	228	Chubb Sec	410 †	-11	...	1.6	25.5
132	90	Connect▲	113	...	...	1.7	39.5
47	6½	Corp Services	47	+4	...	...	...
94	20	Coutts Cnslg	94	...	...	...	...
179	50	Dart	168	...	3.3	2.5	22.8
274	198	Davis Service	272	...	...	3.7	20.5
139	85	EW Facts▲	139	...	4.4	4.0	15.9
34	11	Gardiner	34	...	0.7	2.7	∞
334	215	Hays	328	-3½	...	2.0	28.6
289	174	Hogg Robinsn	287	...	...	2.9	20.9
70	34	Holmes Protectn	34	...	...	...	2.1
361	127	Hunch Whamp	357	+2½	...	1.4	20.6
2690½	975	ISS B DKr	2690½	+9½	...	0.8	18.6
637	475	Incheape	594	-12	...	3.0	19.4
1033	660	Johnson Clean	1033	+15	25.7	3.1	22.5
12	2½	Lep	7½	...	...	...	...
358	173	Mice Gp	358	...	4.0	1.4	24.6
1234½	897½	Manpower	1196½	-3½	...	...	...
78½	40½	Michael Page	78½	...	1.8	2.9	33.3
279	112	Pennant▲	112	...	8.0	8.0	4.2
5½	2	Prime People▲	4½	...	...	...	...
142	57	Procudinol Alls	91	+2	...	20.6	3.0
423	337	RCO	415	+10	15.2	4.7	13.6
118	86	REA	109	...	2.0	2.3	...
126	43	Reed Executive	126	+1	...	...	...
156	105	Reliance Sec▲	128 †	+2	4.5	4.4	33.6
279	178	Rentokil	275	-4	3.5	1.3	34.3
363	220	Rolfe & Nolan	363	...	...	2.6	24.9
309	306	Salvesen (C)	310 †	-2	...	3.2	20.6
58	26	Scott Pickford▲	58	+1	0.8	1.7	18.5
17½	5	Select Appt▲	17	-½	...	...	...
1338	695	Serco Gp	1338	...	13.3	1.2	37.0
352	83	Shered Cmpt▲	104	-3	...	8.4	3.0
130	60	Sketchley	118	+9	...	3.2	27.0
355	310	Warner Howrd	332	+2	6.6	2.5	17.3
45	27	Welpac	31	-1	...	...	...
29½	14	Wills Gp	29½	+½	...	1.7	20.6

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
267	210	Allied Colloids	257 †	-6½	...	2.0	24.6
1060	613	Amersham	1055	-4	...	1.6	30.4
7	1½	Anglo Utd	3½	...	...	5.5	...
£119½	8325	BASF DM	£114½	-23¼	...	...	...
373	199	BTP	337 †	...	...	3.5	27.1
£143½	£101½	Bayer DM50	£137½	-33½	...	3.8	...
178	105	Blagden	168	+3	6.5	4.8	18.1
165	93	Brent Chems	134	+2	...	7.5	11.3
530	340	Br Bio-Tech	375	+3	...	...	...
29	5	Cairn Gp	12½	...	...	...	34.7
187	126	Canning (W)	186	+1	7.2	4.9	21.3
608	421	Courtaulds	535	-3	...	3.3	13.4
376	229	Croda	368	-1	...	2.7	21.1
149	103	Doeflex	129	+1	4.6	4.5	9.9
270	175	Ellis & Everard	277 †	+2	...	3.3	23.2
47½	15½	Euro Colour	38½	+3	0.8	2.9	18.4
351	259	Halstead (J)	346	...	...	2.3	17.1
241	150	Hickson	199	+3	...	5.0	18.5
£123½	8850	Hoechst	£120½	-1½	...	3.0	...
229	157	Holliday Chem	189	+2	...	2.4	17.4
815	608	ICI	812	-1	...	4.2	...
827	576	Laporte	825	+3	19.9	3.0	22.8
248	181	Leigh	231	+1	...	4.2	20.3
97½	35	MTM	58	+1	...	...	...
2359½	1462½	Norsk Hydro	2359½	+50	...	1.2	33.9
608	370	Paterson Zoch	598	-5	...	2.6	20.2
599	360	-do- 'A'	548	-5	...	2.9	18.5
296	193	Plysu	242 †	...	...	3.6	20.6

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
303	173	Porvair	293	...	3.8	1.6	31.3
70	35	Sutcliffe Speak	65	-2	...	4.5	22.0
485	412	Wardle Storeys	475	+4	17.0	3.5	30.9
620	395	Wolstnhlme R	610	...	...	2.1	25.0
466	330	Yorks Chem	466	+2	...	2.4	19.4
312	233	Yule Catto	312	+2	...	2.4	19.4
868	593	Zeneca	786½	-9½	...	4.4	46.5

DRAPERY, STORES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	75	+3	...	5.0	...
248	173	Alliders	235	...	...	3.2	17.5
410	257	Argos Plc	382	-3	...	2.3	32.6
25	8	Ashley Group	10	...	...	2.5	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	94	...	0.1	0.1	...
357	278	Asprey	346	-2	5.2	1.9	22.3
199	94	Austin Reed	199	+1	...	1.6	...
168	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	168	...	...	4.5	16.9
150	94	Bentalls	147	+3	1.9	1.6	...
278	125	Benerware	136	-2	...	2.0	16.3
47	22	Blacks Leis	43 †	...	2.2	6.5	...
264	133	Body Shop	259	-3	...	0.9	33.4
16½	9	Brown & Jackson	10½	+¼	...	1.0	5.4
490	318	Brown (N)	489	+6	...	1.9	28.7
87½	56½	Burton	60 †	+¼	...	4.2	...
245	126	Cantors	244	...	...	2.1	31.8
520	296	Church	495	...	12.5	3.2	44.0
183	97	Clinton Cards	165	...	4.3	3.3	19.9
282	212	Coats Viyella	276	...	...	3.4	38.1
120	76	Colourvision▲	101 †	...	5.6	6.9	18.1
181	154	Cty Casuals	169	...	...	3.0	15.7
935	374	Courts Furnish	879	...	5.6	0.8	11.0
160	115	Crown Eyes▲	160	+5	7.5	5.9	10.9
137	89	Dairy Farm Intl	120½	-¼	...	3.0	17.6
109½	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	108½	...	0.8	0.9	34.8
293	189	Dixons Grp	211 †	-3	...	3.7	...
21	6	ERA Gp	9	...	...	...	73.8
580	400	Etys (Wimbldn)	580	...	16.0	3.5	19.9
264	71	Essex Furn	250	-2	...	1.8	40.0
273	203	Etam	263	...	7.0	3.3	24.1
608	499	Fine Art Dev	537	-3	13.0	3.0	17.5
70	26	Fixed Exmh Tiles	48	...	...	...	...
713	498	Forminster	710 †	+2	14.5	2.6	12.0
180	24	French Conn▲	155	...	...	...	...
74	43	Gent SR	68	...	...	3.9	21.1
100	23	Goldsmiths Gp	92	...	0.3	0.4	...
689	334	GUS	625	-15	...	2.3	19.2
40	21	Hampden Grp▲	25	...	...	5.0	12.4
277	30	Hartstone	79	-2	...	...	...
33½	20	Helene Plc	30½	...	2.0	8.2	14.4
110	29	Heritage▲	103	+12	...	...	...
86	35	Honeysuckle▲	78	...	...	3.6	11.4
211	63	Jacques Vert	202	...	...	2.3	15.4
763	495	Kingfisher	652	-6	...	2.7	22.4
79	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	79	+1	4.0	6.3	16.3
685	495	Liberty	545	...	7.2	1.7	64.2
380	241	Lloyds Chem	361	+3	...	2.5	12.7
180	120	MFI	177 †	+2½	...	2.7	...
461½	311	Marks Spencer	429	-9	...	2.4	21.9
680	445	Menzies (John)	673	-1	...	2.1	17.5
275	135	Moss Bros	275	+4	3.5	2.5	31.3
251	130½	Next	235	+1	3.5	1.9	28.1
43	15	Oliver (G)	43	...	...	...	...
335	197	Ordiane Intl	324 †	-1	...	3.8	15.9
63	24	Pentos	35	...	0.8	2.9	7.3
313	185	QS Hldgs	266	...	5.1	2.4	18.9
69½	20½	Rhino Grp▲	44	...	...	...	...
201	120	Rosebys	201	...	...	3.0	24.1
181	135	Sherwood Gp	179	...	...	1.8	16.1
132	93	Sears	126	+½	...	3.5	50.7
41½	11	Signet Group	34½	-1½	...	...	...
545	400	Smith WH 'A'	503	-9	...	3.7	16.1
127	83	-do- B	121	...	...	3.1	19.3
21	4½	Specialeyes▲	13	...	...	...	...
252	176	Storehouse	227½†	-4½	...	2.7	22.5
198	146	T & S Stores	189	-6	6.0	4.0	14.1
173	71	Tie Rack	164	-2	1.0	0.8	26.9
265	160	Time Products	262	...	7.7	3.7	22.6
131	63	Usher (Frank)▲	130	...	6.0	5.8	11.2
465	302	Vendome	456	+7	...	1.7	21.2
45	27	Vivat	36	-1	1.0	3.5	11.1
87	42	WEW Group	63	...	...	2.7	46.4
49	34	Wensum▲	48	...	1.8	4.9	...
129	76	Wickes	126	...	...	0.2	57.3
87	45	Wld of Leather▲	87	...	...	...	...
195	142	Wyevale	194	...	...	2.8	25.7
4	2½	Xtra-vision▲	2½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	175	...	...	3.6	17.6
275	223	Acal▲	263	...	...	3.1	18.9
490	385	Admiral	488	...	5.7	1.5	20.6
188	104	Alba	188	+2	...	3.2	21.2
50	19½	Alphameric	39	...	...	...	...
55	22	Amstrad	49	...	...	1.3	...
128	61	App Holo▲	95	...	...	...	...
43	9½	Arlen	38	-1	...	...	...
88	35½	Aster	85½	+½	...	0.4	...
271	230	Azlan	270	...	...	1.4	32.1
293	224	Beales Hunter	275 †	...	...	4.3	17.0
9	2	Bennett & Fountn	4	...	...	...	...
478	319	BICC	470	-1	19.2	5.1	...
558	408	Blick	534	+2	...	2.4	19.5
1700	925	Borland▲	1000	-37½	...	...	...
384	270	Bowthorpe	378	...	...	2.3	25.1
489½	376	BT	470 †	-7	...	4.3	18.1
232½	150	BT F/P	212½	-6½	...	4.3	22.3
20	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	19	...	...	0.7	...
160	48	Burnfield	70	...	5.7	10.3	11.1
545	334½	Cable Wireless	531 †	-5½	...	1.8	27.8
33	11½	Chloride	31½	+¼	...	...	...
276	229	CML Micro▲	275	...	4.7	2.1	20.0
137	74	Compr People	136	...	...	...	...
201	108½	Cray Elect	201 †	+4½	...	1.1	19.6
441	343	Critchley	440 †	...	...	1.4	25.3
560	414	Delta	553	-5	...	3.2	23.1
563	215	Denmans Ele▲	563 †	+5	...	1.4	18.1
620	395	Domino	535	+3	7.9	1.9	∞
77	48	Dowding Mills	75	...	...	4.2	32.1
1605	865	Druck▲	1605 †	+10	10.3	0.8	32.2
589	358	Electrocomps	563	-2	...	1.9	23.0
710	470	El Data Prc	583	...	...	1.2	16.5
175	43	Electron House	168	+1	...	2.1	23.9
32½	10½	Emess	32½	+2½	0.1	0.4	...
774	442	Eurotherm	769 †	...	...	1.5	26.1
211	108	FKI	208	-3½	...	2.0	29.6
656	340	Farnell Elect	625	-1	...	1.3	33.1
91	33	Feedback▲	74 †	...	...	3.4	10.0
336	101	First Tech	335 †	...	...	0.7	27.9
270	81	Forward Gp▲	229	...	4.0	2.2	16.2
22½	13½	Forward Tech	19	...	...	...	...
397½	264	GEC	344 †	+1	10.4	3.8	17.2
199	132	Graseby	190	+1	...	7.2	40.0
14	7½	Graystone	13½	...	...	...	...
52	35	Hilcare▲	46	-2	0.5	1.4	...
169	83	INSTEM▲	140	...	3.1	2.8	10.1
193	118	Ind Control	181	...	...	3.0	18.2
388	320	Jones Stroud	375	...	...	3.0	14.9
125	96	Kalamazoo	125	...	2.7	2.7	28.0
19	8	Kenbrey	12½	...	0.1	1.6	...
396	260	Kenwood App	388 †	-2	...	2.5	21.8
266	47	Kewill Sys	265	+1	...	...	...
209	100	Kode	143	...	6.0	5.2	17.0
60	16	Laser-Scan▲	30	-1	...	...	...
365	122	LBMS▲	145	-1	0.7	0.6	20.4
300	205	Lec Refrig	295	...	9.0	3.8	...
179	129	Life Sciences	158	-1	3.7	3.0	17.1
311	164	Logica	311	+1	...	1.6	35.9
55	44	LPA Ind▲	48 †	...	...	6.4	...
229	162	MR Data Mngmt	209	+5	...	3.1	19.6
723	523	Macro 4	723	...	...	3.1	22.0
281	175½	Memec-Sws	228	-10	...	2.1	19.8
3013	903	Micro Focus	1050	-8	...	...	9.7
227	144	Microgen	174 †	...	7.2	5.2	∞
43	23½	Microvitec▲	39½	...	...	...	...
550	357	Misys	550 †	+2	...	1.7	20.1
584	98	Mitel	451	-15	...	...	...
171	108	MMT Compt▲	171	...	...	2.9	23.3
27	16	Molynx	23	...	...	1.3	7.1
272	202	MTL Instr▲	268	+3	3.7	1.7	20.2
165	103	Multitone Elect	141 †	...	3.5	3.1	25.6
156	58	Murray Ent	148 ‡	+1	...	1.7	∞
3206½	2612½	NYNEX	2659½	-3½	...	...	...
188	123	Neotronics	124 †	...	2.6	2.6	∞
65	42	Newmark (J)	53	...	...	0.6	22.3
295	58	Norbain▲	280	...	...	...	...
75	20	Northamber	55	...	0.6	1.4	...
15½	5	Oceonics	7½	...	...	...	...
343	195	Oxford Inst	343	...	4.6	1.7	23.5
87	29	P & P	85	...	1.5	2.2	45.1
98	55	Peek	97	+1	3.4	4.4	25.3
235	115	Pegasus▲	234	...	...	3.4	60.1
£102½	9000	Phillps Fn 4%	£102½	...	...	5.6	...
1678½	725	-do- Lnnp nv	1656½	+15½	...	...	...
415	211	Phonelink▲	415	...	...	...	...
327	171½	Pifco	326	...	...	1.6	27.3
317	151½	-do- 'A' Voting	316	...	...	1.6	26.5
96	63	Plasmec▲	70	...	3.0	5.4	5.9
120	76	Pressac	117	...	...	2.7	24.8
261	81	Psion▲	261	...	2.5	1.2	69.3
261	147	Racal Elect	222 †	-2	4.2	2.4	13.2
70	33	Radamec	50	...	...	3.8	10.7
70	24	Radius▲	37	-1	2.2	7.6	12.8
114	61	Real Time▲	104	-1	...	3.6	21.5
35	15	Riva▲	19	...	...	...	24.1
629	367	Sage Gp	563 †	+41	...	2.2	17.3
350	222	Sanderson Elec	348 †	...	0.9	3.6	14.8
89	49	Scantronic	87	+3	3.1	4.6	23.8
210	117	Scholes Grp	210	...	...	3.0	27.2
375	270	Sema Gp	365	+27	2.9	1.0	29.4
275	235	Servomex	259	...	5.9	2.8	19.6
49	26	Silvermines	47	...	...	2.7	...
81	37	Soundtracks▲	77	...	2.4	4.0	∞
2715½	1737½	TDK	2675	-40½	...	1.2	30.4
27	4½	TDS Circuits▲	17½	-½	...	...	...
198	80	Telemetrix	152	+3	0.8	0.7	25.0
1153	809	THORN EMI	1145 †	+17	...	3.5	26.5
152	96	Thorpe FW	148	...	...	2.3	17.2
103	23	Total Systems▲	43	...	1.5	4.4	7.6
303	186	Tunstall	303 ‡	...	...	1.4	∞
324	164	Unitech	321	...	...	2.4	54.2
15	6	Verity	14	-½	...	...	...
35	22	Vistec▲	27½	...	0.3	1.7	16.2
624½	367	Vodafone	614 †	+2	...	1.6	26.7
483	368	Volex	483 †	...	18.1	4.7	19.8
26	11	Western Selectn	24 †	...	0.2	1.3	...
315	223	Wholesale Ftgs	315	...	11.7	4.7	33.1

ELECTRICITY

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
715	389	East Midlands	704 †	-4	...	3.7	12.5
725½	399	Eastern Elec	712 †	-10	...	3.6	13.6
480½	304	Hydro-Elect	454	-11	...	3.3	15.8
735½	404	London Elect	725 †	-2	...	3.7	13.7
839	458	Manweb	828 †	-5	...	3.3	10.3
767	424½	Midlands Elec	758 †	-6	...	3.5	12.0
510	273	National Powr	486	+1	...	2.8	12.0
788	440	Northern Elec	779 †	-2	...	3.6	10.2
293	100	Nthn Ireland	289 †	+6	...	3.1	13.7
806	439	Norweb	791 †	-9	20.8	3.3	11.3
577	273	PowerGen	564	+½	...	2.5	14.8
487	285	Scottish Power	460 †	-11	...	3.1	17.1
435	218	Seeboard	419½‡	-9½	...	3.1	13.1
825	469	Sth Wales	816 †	-2	...	3.6	12.5
737	426	Sth Western	731 †	-3	...	3.6	10.8
745½	406	Southern Elec	735 †	-8½	...	3.5	9.7
729½	455	Yorkshire Elec	720 †	-5	...	3.7	13.6

FINANCE, LAND

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	53	...	1.0	2.4	11.2
153	47	BWD▲	152	...	3.4	2.8	23.7
118	36	Bakic Plc	112	...	...	1.1	...
757	413	Caledonia	749	+16	...	2.6	27.8
2000	1075	Camellia	2000	...	...	1.9	7.5

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
363	243	Candover	363	...	10.4	3.6	...
455	155	Coven	455	+5	...	3.6	13.4
250	125	Ivory Sime	250	+2	...	3.5	21.6
425	150	Johnson Fry	380	+5	...	...	...
245	154	Lon Forfaiting▲	245	+1	8.7	4.4	17.8
87	47	Manakin	86	...	...	...	...
25½	3½	Nat Home Loan	25	+1½	...	...	0.5
56	40	Newmarket	56	...	...	...	...
364	246	Rathbone Brs	364	-7	6.5	2.2	22.1
28½	17	Rutland Tst	28½	...	...	3.5	10.9
400	253	S & U	400	...	10.2	3.2	14.9
106	48	Singer & Fried	105	-1	...	3.6	...
1138	713	Sothebys	1100	+12	...	1.5	...
188	113	SP Capital	184	-2	3.0	2.0	25.0
221	183	Tenny Law	221	+1	...	2.6	21.7

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2556¼	1487½	Amer Express	2193½	+31½	...	...	...
1193	835	Henderson Ad	1193	+73	...	4.4	27.5
251½	92	Invesco	245	+1	...	1.5	...
317	164	Jardine Strat	308½	+1½	...	2.6	12.9
323	154	MAI	294	+1	...	2.9	18.6
765	389	MAM	765	+2	16.0	2.6	19.1
1238	633	M & G	1235 †	+37	...	2.5	25.0
496	109	Smith New Crt	495 †	+17	...	1.8	4.9
81	45	Trio Hldgs	61	...	2.5	5.3	∞

FOODS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
587	456	AB Food	584 †	-2	...	3.2	12.1
77½	46½	ASDA Group	62 †	-1½	1.6	3.3	...
366	170	Acatos & Hutch	365	+4	...	2.6	13.3
80	55	Albert Fisher	68	...	...	6.9	15.1
407	246	Argyll	353 †	-5	...	5.3	9.5
270	160	Banks (S C)	268	...	9.0	4.2	10.2
402	305	Barr (AG)	353 †	-4	6.5	2.3	∞
85	56	Bensons Crsps▲	67	...	...	5.3	15.1
481	357	Booker	452	-6	...	6.0	39.1
52	35	Borthwick	49½	...	...	3.0	61.5
505	430	Brake Bros	494	...	6.3	1.6	20.6
51	37	Budgen	42	-1	...	3.9	12.7
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	517	-1½	...	3.3	16.3
222	78	Carrs Milling	189	-1	...	2.8	15.8
196	133	Cranswick	158	...	...	6.3	14.9
22	8½	Cullens▲	16½	...	0.5	3.8	47.4
384	119	Dalepak	130	...	...	4.8	37.7
543	424	Dalgety	498	-15	...	5.1	14.2
57	27	Daniels S	57	...	...	0.5	...
294	191	Devro	286	...	...	2.4	27.2
134	99	Everest	101	...	...	4.6	18.3
390	269	Farepak	389 †	...	5.9	1.9	23.9
10	3	Farringford	7½	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	78	...	...	6.7	25.9
125	78	Fyffes	105	...	...	1.7	∞
483	256	Geest	307	...	8.1	3.3	13.6
20½	7	Global▲	20	-½	0.5	3.1	31.1
68	43	Grand Central	59	...	0.8	1.7	...
203	139	Hazlewood Fds	162	-1	...	5.0	9.1
196½	131	Hillsdown	179	...	8.8	6.1	14.0
250	146	Iceland Group	171	-2	...	2.6	10.8
131	92	JLI Group	110	...	...	5.3	12.2
853	542	Kwik Save	605	+2	...	3.8	10.9
262	144	Low (Wm)	171	...	...	6.1	6.0
92	41	Matthews (B)	92	...	2.3	3.2	60.2
19½	11	Merchant Retail	17½	...	0.9	6.8	35.8
174	64	Morrison (W)	118	+1	...	0.9	15.3
243	177	Nichols (JN)	243	...	5.5	2.9	17.6
291	207½	Nthn Foods	234 †	+3	...	4.5	11.4
20½	6	Nthmbrn Fn▲	13	...	...	...	...
229	172	Nurdin Peack	202	...	...	3.5	11.2
307	205	Park Foods	307 †	...	...	2.6	23.7
115	58	Perkins Food	81	-3	...	6.9	9.3
134	47	PizzaExpress	130	...	...	0.5	27.5
9	1½	Regina Hlth▲	4½	...	...	...	...
584	360	Sainsbury J	370	-10	...	3.5	13.0
86	33	Sentry Farm▲	78	...	1.5	2.4	14.0
225	90	Sims Food	120	...	...	6.8	23.1
467½	355½	Tate & Lyle	452 †	...	...	3.6	12.1
273	176	Tesco	222	-3	...	4.1	10.1
211	123	Thorntons	195	...	...	2.3	...
229	101	Treats▲	224	...	...	2.3	18.0
434½	300	Unigate	407	-2	...	5.0	13.3
437	326	Utd Biscuits	367	-2	...	5.2	23.7
24½	18½	Usborne	20½	...	...	3.3	15.1
401	249	Watson & Phil	401 †	+1	...	4.5	16.8
59	30½	West Trust	47	...	...	7.2	...

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
26	12	Abrdn Stk Hs▲	26	...	1.5	2.2	22.0
94	77	City Centre Rest	91	-5	...	3.6	20.6
285	170	Forte	263	...	...	3.5	39.9
215	148	Friendly Hotels	205	...	...	...	...
11½	5	Harmony Props▲	11	...	...	...	...
168½	87	Jurys Hotel	158½	...	...	4.0	12.8
222½	142	Ladbroke	204	-2	11.1	6.8	17.4
105	59	Mandarin Orntl	104½	+2½	...	3.2	26.0
55	28	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
31	11½	Ryan Hotels E	31	...	...	4.0	...
1025	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1010	+22	7.0	0.9	...
86	34½	Stakis	86	...	1.0	1.5	∞

INDUSTRIALS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	19	AAF Inds	38	...	...	28.9	2.3
616	455	AAH	533 †	-4	...	4.1	17.8
185	123	AIM	150 †	+1	...	6.2	18.4
138	88	APV	136½	...	...	4.9	...
238	81	ASW	190	+1	...	3.9	...
202	118	Adwest	202	+1	...	4.5	19.4
29	10	Aerospace Eng	20	+½	...	4.7	...
309	249	Airsprung	308	...	...	1.9	19.7
211	113	Alexdra W	210	...	4.1	2.4	33.2
13½	6½	Allied Radio	10	...	...	...	...
315	207½	Alumasc	313	...	...	2.3	18.5
57	17	Alvis	53½	-3½	1.0	2.3	∞
745	345	Amber Ind	745	...	...	3.2	17.1
68	45	Amberley Gp▲	68	...	1.0	1.8	...
107	75	Anagen	79	-1	...	...	...
145	65	Andrews Sykes	95	...	...	3.6	...
1775	703	Antofagasta	1770	+132	...	1.1	32.7
61½	37	Armour	59	...	...	3.5	14.0
173	143	Ash & Lacy	173	...	6.4	4.6	17.7
6	2½	Ass Br Eng	5½	...	...	1.2	68.6
580	434	Avon Rubber	580 †	...	...	3.6	20.4
300	168	Assoc Nursg▲	300 †	...	...	0.4	18.4
687½	488	Atlas Equip	508	...	...	5.4	12.8
81	35	Ayrshire Metal	71	+3	...	...	...
224	147	BBA	223	...	...	4.2	19.0
117	28	BLP Group▲	117	...	...	2.1	...
77	13	BM Gp	39	+1½	...	3.9	17.6
770	590	BOC	738	-6	...	4.7	29.8
86½	50	BSG	85½	+4½	...	3.9	31.3
578	353	BSS Group	560	...	...	3.6	21.5
409½	318	BTR	385	-7	...	4.9	15.7
221	147	BWI	170	...	...	3.5	23.6
50	25½	Babcock	39½	+1½	...	...	...
11	4½	Bailey (CH)	8½	...	...	...	...
289	228	Baird (Wm)	258	+5	8.9	4.3	17.9
531½	400	Barlow	462½	-6½	...	7.1	8.4
80	48	Baynes (Charles)	81	...	...	2.3	33.2
29½	14	Bearing Power	22½	...	...	4.2	14.3
15	2½	Beaufort	3	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)▲	34	...	...	...	...
27½	15	Benson Group	18	...	...	2.1	13.6
707	285	Bespak	385 †	...	10.2	3.3	12.0
133	55	Bilsby (J)	86	+1	...	2.9	...
312	129	Billam (J)	203	...	5.3	3.3	10.2
41	21½	Bilston Bursen▲	30	...	...	...	...
11½	2	Bimec Ind	7½	+½	...	...	...
268	118½	Birkby	268	...	3.7	1.7	13.9
45	29	Black Arrow	39	...	2.1	6.7	12.2
1½	0½	Black & Edgntn▲	1½	...	...	...	...
283	136	Black (Peter)	282	...	3.7	1.7	24.8
733	129	Bluebird Toys▲	717	+2	4.5	0.8	21.9
329	230	Bodycote	329	+5	...	1.9	21.0
40	23	Bogod 'A'	40 †	...	0.7	2.2	14.9
609	416	Boots	556 †	-7	...	3.1	22.0
61	39	Booth Inds	54	...	...	...	...
524	402	Bowater	480	-6	...	3.1	20.1
1681½	1187½	Bowater Inc	1596½	+37½	...	...	...
294	199	Boxmore Intl▲	294	+1	4.0	1.7	∞
19	12½	Brasway	17 †	-½	...	3.8	...
325	204	Brammer	325	+1	13.0	5.0	24.2
31	12	Bridgend Gp	27	+1	0.4	...	...
163	64	Bridon	162	+2	...	3.1	...
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	81	+1	...	3.9	...
56	31	Brierley Inv	56	+1½	...	6.0	13.8
308	190	Br Bldg & Eng	235	...	...	4.3	19.8
134	42	Br Bloodstock▲	110	...	...	...	...
528	415	Br Polythene	510	...	...	2.5	18.3
147½	54	Br Steel	140½	-4½	...	1.3	...
195	115	Br Thornton	157 †	+9	...	4.0	16.3
298	215	Br Vita	280	+1	7.3	3.5	17.2
17½	5½	Britton Grp	17½	+1	...	1.3	...
931½	555	Broken Hill	930	+8½	...	2.0	42.1
112	78	Bromsgrve Ind	111 †	+1	...	5.0	14.5
12½	6½	Brooke Tool	12½	+½	...	...	...
73	36	Brown & Tawse	59	-2	...	...	...
186	91	Bullough	175	...	6.0	4.4	∞
24	11½	Business Tech▲	15	...	...	...	...
28	12	CI Group	21	+4	0.5	3.4	20.2
40	11	Campbll & Arm	45	-3	...	...	...
39	8½	Cannon St	34½	...	...	...	...
265	205	Cape	265	+2	...	5.0	17.9
455	254	Caradon	424	-16	...	2.6	34.3
215½	128	-do- pf	204	-5½	7.2	4.4	...
293	178	Carclo Eng	284 †	+1	...	3.8	21.1
2887½	2025	Carnaud Md	2400½	+12½	...	2.6	∞
104	68	Cassidy Bros▲	96 †	...	...	3.1	23.3
249	158	Castings	249	+4	4.6	2.3	17.6
71	53	Cathay Intl	63	+½	...	...	...
250	213	Celltech	232	+4	...	...	...
195	113	Chamberlin Hill	195	...	6.5	4.2	12.2
12	605	Charter	807	+2	...	3.4	12.4
360	220	Chemring	360 †	...	...	3.1	18.6
92	45	Chieftain Gp▲	46	...	4.5	12.2	9.9
49½	15½	Chillington	43	...	1.0	3.0	...
244½	144	Christies Int	244	...	...	0.8	60.6
80	34	Claybithe	71 †	-1	...	4.4	...
150	55	Clayton Son	110	...	...	...	...
435	295	Cohen (A)	430	...	3.4	1.0	...
275	179	Community H	275	...	...	3.1	18.7
261	185½	Concentric	261	+6	...	2.8	21.6
302	120	Cook (Wm)	302	+3	6.0	2.5	18.3
273	182	Cookson	266	+2	...	2.8	35.2
95	38	Copymore▲	95	...	...	1.3	29.0
238	130	Crowell Pkr 'A'	159	+1	...	4.5	21.5
178	92	Cosalt	157	+5	...	4.3	...
265	150	Creighton Nt▲	265 †	-1	7.4	3.5	19.0
48	22	CrestaCare	41	...	0.6	2.0	35.5
4006½	2093½	Dana	3950	-25	...	...	...
356	78½	Danka Bs Sys	356	+11	...	0.5	33.8
296	193	David Brown	296	+4	...	2.5	21.0
969	632	De La Rue	945	-20	...	3.5	22.8
39	16	Dinkie Heel	38	...	1.1	3.6	30.3
628	391	Diploma	626	...	...	2.4	25.1
97	50	Dobson Park	97 †	...	...	4.8	22.0
129	92	Dyson (J&J)	129	+9	5.0	4.9	23.5
93	57	-do- 'A'	93	+8	5.6	6.8	16.6
16½	8	EFG	16	...	...	...	...
440	358	EIS	440	...	...	3.4	17.6
28	16	Elbief	22	-1	...	...	...
53	10	Eleco	53	...	...	...	...
3406½	1780	Electrolux 'B'	3390½	+171½	...	1.5	∞
90	43	Elliott (B)	90	...	...	...	...
548	394	Eng China Cl	505	-2	...	5.0	29.4
146	121	Environmed	146	+11	...	...	...
3962½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	3090½	-21½	...	0.4	...
86	32	Eurocopy	83	...	1.7	2.6	∞
87	47	Expamet	71	...	...	4.5	17.7
778	499	Fairey Group	775	-2	10.7	1.7	25.8
140	47	Fenner	140	+2	...	...	...
91	32	Ferranti Group	90	...	...	2.5	13.3
29	10	Ferrum	10	...	...	...	...
66	28	Fife Indmar	65	...	...	5.3	...
251	102	Fisons	138½	-½	...	5.9	12.8
60	29	Fitzwilton	60 †	...	...	7.3	...
288	215	Flogas	288	...	...	3.4	17.1
51	33	Folkes Group nv	47	...	1.5	4.0	26.7
126	56	French (Thomas)	118 †	...	2.6	3.6	∞
263	162	Frost Group	263	...	...	2.1	34.1
88	70	GEI Int	80	...	...	3.9	...
615	434	GKN	600	-14	...	4.1	40.0
69	42	GR Hldgs	67	...	...	3.4	...
134	79	Garton Eng	125	...	4.1	4.0	...
183	103	Gestetner	182	+2	3.0	2.1	∞
68	23	Gieves	62	...	...	...	44.9
801	509	Glaxo	672	-2	...	4.1	17.6
44½	10	Glenchewton	44	...	...	...	...
394½	245	Glynwed	387	-4½	11.6	3.5	36.5
170	66	Goode Durrant	170 †	...	...	4.0	...
185	102	Grampian Hd	180	-3	5.5	3.9	11.3
504	341	Granada	579 †	...	...	1.9	22.8
466	301	Great Sthrn	464	...	11.4	3.1	15.1
117	73	Green (Ernst)	87	...	...	10.5	12.6
15½	8½	Greenacre▲	15½	...	...	2.5	15.3
17	5	Guardian Grp▲	6 #	...	...	...	...
87	30½	Haden Maclln	87	+4	...	2.9	31.4
102	44	Hadleigh Inds▲	91	...	1.0	1.4	...
308	115	Hall Eng	307	-1	8.8	3.5	25.1
253	161	Halma	253 †	+12	...	1.1	21.1
71	30	Hampson Ind	66	...	1.7	3.2	22.8
302	222	Hanson	294½	-1½	...	4.6	21.8
221	146	Harris (Philip)	154	-1	...	5.2	9.3
320	147	Harvist Crstd	211	-5	9.0	5.3	30.5
171	38	Havelock Eum	168	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	39	...	...	...	...
43	17	Headway	43	...	...	...	0.6
13½	1½	Healthcare	1½	...	...	...	...
511	301	Hepworth	486	-½	14.8	3.8	22.9
228	154	Hewitt (J)	185	...	...	3.2	14.5
57½	15	High-Point	55	...	...	0.5	1.1
203	112½	Hill & Smith	191	...	...	4.1	∞
25	6½	Hobson▲	22½	-1	...	...	...
191	67	Holders Tech▲	191	...	...	2.6	39.0
83	30	Hopkinsons	59	...	1.9	1.9	44.5
215	133	Hornby▲	215	...	9.0	5.2	29.3
103	54½	Howden	102	...	...	2.5	16.1
265	173	Hunting	265	-3	...	4.7	22.4
512	269½	Huntigh Tech▲	500	...	...	1.3	21.1
379	247	IMI	359	-2	...	3.5	31.8
135	90	ISA Intl	135	...	1.5	1.5	21.0
205	131	Intercare Gp▲	158 †	...	...	2.5	15.1
298	235	Isoron	297	...	4.3	1.5	24.1
707	360	Jardine Math	680½	-11½	...	1.5	24.1
610	425	Johnson Matt	604 †	-9	...	2.2	21.5
64	35½	Johnson & FB	46½	...	...	3.8	44.3
177	104	Johnston	168	...	3.2	...	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	26	...	...	...	...
36	18	Jourdan (T)	35	...	0.7	2.7	...
184	73	Kalon	184	+3½	...	2.4	25.5
297	195	Kelsey Ind	255 †	+5	8.0	3.9	∞
805	405	Kershaw (A)	780	...	...	4.4	29.2
276	75	Kleeneze	262 †	-8	...	6.5	...
164	61	LGW▲	155	...	3.4	2.8	12.8
417	266	Laird	417	-1	...	3.1	21.5
161	103	Lilleshall	160	...	...	3.4	21.0
223	97	Lincat	212	...	...	3.5	14.9
51	4½	Lincoln Hse▲	40	-1	...	3.9	...
131	76	Linread	131	+6	3.8	2.6	20.2
355	170	Linton Park	353	...	...	5.0	12.7
15½	9½	Lionheart	13½	...	0.2	1.9	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	20½	...	0.6	5.2	29.8
274	97	Lon Intl	165	...	6.2	4.7	...
179½	70	Lonrho	171½ †	+2	...	2.9	47.1
410	269	Low & Bonar	395	-1	...	2.9	55.3
49	14½	ML Hldgs	47	...	...	...	...
67	27	MS Intl	62 †	...	...	5.0	38.0
70	39	MY Holdings	69 †	+4	...	2.3	16.2
270	168	Macfarlane	220	...	...	1.6	30.6
537	379	McKechnie	534	+15	...	3.5	25.7
127	85	McLeod Russel	119	...	...	6.4	17.6
106	63	Magnolia	103	...	0.1	0.1	16.6
146	71	Mang Bronze	146	...	...	2.1	24.2
26½	19½	Marling	24½	...	...	4.3	...
231	124	Mayborn▲	230	...	5.2	2.8	17.7
62	29	Mayflower	60	+2	...	0.9	50.1
236	85	Medeva	182½	+2½	...	1.6	14.5
119	96	Meggitt	119	+2½	...	4.0	20.3
125	98	Metalrax	122	+1	...	3.8	19.9
154	112	Metrotect	117 †	...	...	3.5	16.3
108	70	Metsec▲	108	+3	...	...	...
124	29	Midsummer	121	-1	...	0.8	16.8
575	368	Molins	557	-1	...	3.2	13.4
408	262	Morgan Cble	402	+2	...	3.9	21.1
203	134	Morris Ashby▲	203	+4½	5.7	3.5	15.2
51	18	Neepsend	50	...	1.0	2.5	67.1
80	34	Nestor-BNA	77	...	3.1	5.1	18.4
249	122	Nobo Gp	239 †	...	5.3	3.8	23.6
212½	122½	Norcros	197 †	+1	...	4.4	28.8
51	33	Novo Group	34	...	...	4.0	10.9
413	310	Nu-Swift	398	...	...	...	∞
81	36	Office Elec Mac	50	...	...	3.5	...
64	21	OMI Intl	63 †	...	...	...	...
170	123	PCT▲	168	...	7.2	5.4	19.1
91	36	Pacer Systems▲	83	...	...	5.2	...
43	31	Pasmec	33	...	...	...	...
138	87½	Pentland	115	-2	...	2.8	15.6
395	280	Photo-Me	285 †	+4	4.7	2.1	18.4
204	97½	Pilkington	189 †	-1	...	1.7	...
107	60	Plantsbrook	107	...	3.1	3.6	16.9
185	125	Polypipe	178	...	2.1	1.5	24.1
42	15	Porter Chadburn	25	+4	...	2.0	11.5
376	272	Powerscreen	327	...	...	2.6	17.0
21½	16½	Prospect Inds	21	...	...	4.9	11.9
67	33½	RPS Group▲	67	...	2.3	4.3	14.6
95	73	Radiant Metal	90	...	...	...	...
186	77	Ramco Oil▲	157	+2	1.0	0.8	52.6
1101	636	Rank Org	1069	-19	...	3.6	23.2
33	13	Ransomes	26	...	...	...	...
725	532	Reckitt Colm	686	-4	...	3.0	15.8
83	50	Record	83	...	3.6	5.4	40.6
7½	2½	Reece	4½	...	...	...	...
283	131	Relyon	280	...	5.0	2.3	34.0
308	208	Renishaw	304	...	...	2.7	36.1
136	55	Renold	136	...	...	1.6	...
2013	1240	Reuters	1965	-2	22.1	1.4	32.5
87	24½	Rexmore	85	...	2.0	3.0	...
201	91	Ricardo Group	198	-2	...	3.6	28.1
76	58	Richard (Leics)	73	...	...	6.4	...
105	63	Richardson West	104	...	3.7	3.0	26.6
144	109	Ropner	144	+2	8.2	3.7	20.4
140	97	-do- 'A'	140	+2	8.2	7.4	19.8
38	14	Ross Gp	22½	...	0.6	3.6	9.2
195	131½	Rotork	190	+1	...	2.4	22.2
190	89	Rubicon	170	...	...	3.2	21.2
75	43	Russell (A)	74	...	...	0.8	...
38	15	SEP Intl	37 †	...	0.8	2.7	∞
1271½	625	SKF 'B'	1253½	+34½	...	...	...
271½	205	Scapa	271 †	-3	...	2.6	20.2
238	179	Scholl	194	...	...	4.1	14.1
323	276	Scotia	277	...	...	...	...
1287	917	Securicor	1287	+12	...	0.3	36.4
1034	562	-do- 'A'	1034	+9	...	0.4	29.5
890	465	Security Serv	890	+1	5.6	0.8	∞
154½	77	Senior Eng	154½	-2	...	2.6	25.8
361	279	Seton Health	335	...	...	2.2	19.8
106	88	Shiloh	149	-1	3.0	2.5	16.1
344	271	Sidlaw	329 †	...	...	4.0	16.3
600	427	Siebe	586 †	-2	...	2.2	20.7
383	220	Silentnight	374	...	...	2.7	20.3
181	102	Sime Darby	153	-3	...	3.2	16.5
142	32	Simon Eng	125	-1	...	...	...
259	180	Sinclair (Wm)	242	-1	...	3.6	18.8
47	35	Six Hundred	43	...	...	4.4	...
104	134	Smith & Neph	157	...	...	3.8	17.0
513	373	Smithkline	427	-4	9.6	2.8	15.4
450	340	Smithkline Uts	393	-6	...	3.1	13.3
527½	320	Smiths Ind	484	-1	...	3.1	19.4
140	58	Sthn Bus	91 †	+1	...	5.1	4.7
572	265	Spandex▲	570	+20	...	1.5	25.3
660	300	Spear (JW)	460	...	4.5	1.2	9.0
407	314	Spirax-Sarco	407	...	...	2.9	25.5
142	44	Spring Ram	76	+2	...	0.9	...
270	201	Stoneley	253	-1	...	4.2	14.3
240	125	Sterling Ind	240 †	-1	...	3.1	34.8
220	97	Suter	220	-2	9.0	5.1	23.0
611	344	Swire Pacfc A	553½	-4	...	1.6	∞
7	1	Sycamore	4	...	...	...	...
76	53	Syms-Pick	55	...	3.0	7.0	10.5
176	120	Syltone	176 †	...	...	3.4	25.4
455	279	TI	424	...	...	3.2	29.0
44	12	TLG Range▲	40	-1	0.2	0.8	...
375	251	TT Group	374	...	...	2.2	23.0
292	201	Takare	287	+1	...	0.8	23.3
868	515	Takeda Chem	764	-10½	...	0.8	15.1
68	24	Tex Hldgs	51	...	...	...	...
109	73	Tinsley (E)▲	101	...	...	6.9	17.4
240	150	Tilona▲	230 †	...	...	2.4	18.3
289	212½	Tomkins	264 †	-3	...	3.1	19.5
122	59	Trafalgar H	121	+4	...	3.4	...
116	61	Transtec Tech	103	+3	3.2	3.9	13.0
190	129	Triplex Lloyd	161 †	...	...	5.4	19.4
316	214	UniChem	312	-2	6.4	2.6	20.4
425	275½	Unilcare	425 †	...	...	3.0	∞
76	31½	Unigroup	37	+1	...	...	...
1249	938	Unilever	1227	-10	22.2	2.3	16.7
8112½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	8015½	+134½	...	2.6	13.3
24½	6	Utd Inds	16	+½	...	...	...
1058	513	VSEL	1058	+3	...	3.6	11.4
31½	6½	Verson	29	-½	...	...	...
185½	95	Vickers	183	+1	...	1.5	...
327	243	Victaulic	322	+3	...	3.0	16.1
532	363	Vinten	532	...	...	1.7	24.3
747	427	Vosper Thorny	747	...	...	2.7	17.3
48	33	WSP Hldgs	46	...	...	7.3	12.0
508	364	Wagon Ind	506 †	...	...	4.3	27.5
9	1½	Wakebourne	3½	...	...	...	17.7
114	71	Walker Greenbk	113	...	3.1	3.4	29.8
304	201	Wassall	264	-5	2.7	1.2	28.7
51	22	Watford Wdgwd	49	...	...	...	...
384	252	Weir	365	-2	...	2.1	20.6
997	604	Wellcome	658	-7	...	3.3	14.0
30	16	Wellman	27½	...	0.9	4.1	44.9
400	260	West Hlthcare	395½	-½	...	1.2	25.4
535	455	Whatman	535	...	9.7	2.3	18.1
363	211	Whessoe	252	+4	...	4.1	11.9
111	22	Whitecroft	110	...	...	...	...
13½	4½	Widney	12½	...	...	...	...
163	44	Wilkes (James)	143	...	3.5	...	41.8
421	295	Williams Hldg	394	-2	12.5	4.0	20.6
48½	37	Wilshaw	47½	...	...	1.6	27.4
920	533	Wolseley	906	+1	...	1.8	27.1
155	125	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	1.5	1.2	56.5
46	35	Wyko	42	...	...	1.5	...
68	38	Young (H)	87	+5	...	4.7	...

INSURANCE

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2093½	1193½	Alex & Alex	1475	+31½	...	4.5	...
2408½	1787½	Am Gen	1875	...	...	3.9	...
86	30	Archer (A)	76 †	...	...	1.5	...
165	118	Bradstock	165	...	5.5	4.3	∞
550	359½	Britannic	544	+15	...	2.7	...
711	556	Com Union	674	-17	...	4.5	...
1775	1227	Dom & Gen	1770	...	...	1.6	25.4
64	18	FAI	62	-2	...	...	...
192	106	Fenchurch Grp	192	...	...	4.7	17.1
757	546	Gen Accident	701	-24	26.7	4.8	...
247	160	GRE	242	-2	7.1	3.7	20.1
457	295	Heath C E	443	...	...	4.5	...
229	122	Hogg Gp	139	-1	8.1	7.3	12.6
323	255	Independent Ins	305	...	...	3.4	26.0
215	162	JIB Group	169	...	...	5.0	19.4
547	408	Legal & Gen	523	-15	...	4.6	31.8
1279½	768½	Liberty Life	1268½	-9½	...	2.5	20.2
121	99	LIMIT	113	+½	...	...	...
471	405	Lloyds Abbey	449	-4	17.3	4.6	16.1
338	253	Lloyd Thomp	302	...	6.7	2.8	18.6
443	274	London & Man	414	...	14.7	4.4	30.5
472	321	Lowndes Lmb	471 †	...	14.0	3.7	16.9
6743½	5256½	Marsh McLn	5450	-6½	...	3.3	...
175	139	Nelson Hurst	173	+7	...	4.0	17.3
130	76	Orion	117	...	...	5.3	...
83	50½	PWS	82 †	...	4.0	6.1	∞
385	282½	Prudential	362	-9	...	4.2	24.0
404	266½	Refuge	395	-3	...	3.4	44.0
350	248	Royal	337	-8	...	2.4	...
204	150	Sedgwick	190	...	...	3.9	23.4
261	100	Steel Burrill	124	...	...	12.1	7.3
89	48	Sturge Hldgs	86 †	-1	...	4.4	73.0
418	307	Sun Alliance	409	-7	14.2	4.4	...
67	50	Trade Indemnty	67	-2	...	...	...
464	239	Transatlantic	462	+34	12.0	3.2	42.9
773	499	Utd Friendly	684	+11	15.1	2.9	26.7
245	171	Willis Corroon	230	-1	...	3.8	31.5
25	13½	Windsor	23	+1	...	...	18.1



INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2058	1548	Alliance	2051	-2	45.5	2.8	...
161	124	BZW Conv	157	+1	7.8	6.2	...
219	133½	Bankers	216 †	-2	...	2.1	...
381	284	Baring Tribne	381	-1	6.4	2.1	...
230	131	Berry Starq	230	...	2.2	1.2	...
120½	96½	Br Assets	117½	-1	...	4.6	...
98	57½	Br Empire Sec	98	...	...	1.2	...
45	14	-do- Wnts	45	+1	...	...	...
229	156	Br Inv	229	...	4.6	2.5	...
272	174	Brunner	272	+4	5.2	2.4	∞
221	130	Contl Asset	214	...	3.0	1.3	∞
195	143	Derby Inc	149 †	-1	...	13.2	∞
325	195	-do- Cap	315	-8	...	...	...
98	62	Drayton Blue	98	-1	8.4	10.7	...
110	35	-do- Eng Intl	110	+2	1.0	1.1	...
156	84	-do- Far East	152	-2	0.6	0.5	...
170	95	-do- Korea	170	...	0.5	0.4	...
784	576	Dunedin Inc G	780	...	...	4.1	...
106	76	-do- Japan	104½	...	...	...	...
80	34	-do- Warrants	76	-2	...	...	...
823	513	-do- Wrde	823	+7	...	1.4	...
341	222	Dundee & Lon	340	...	...	3.3	...
360	250½	Edinburgh	358	-1	8.5	3.0	...
354	183	Electra Inv	350 †	-2	...	2.5	...
216	141	Electric Gen	218 †	+2	3.1	1.8	...
127	85	English Scot	127	+1	...	1.6	∞
345	205	European Asset	345	+1	...	...	...
172	77	Finsbury 'A'	171	...	3.0	2.2	...
343	246	Fleming Amer	340	-2	0.8	0.3	...
145	91	Fleming Chinese	120	-1	...	...	...
92	52	-do- Warrants	78	-1	...	...	...
267	190½	-do- Claver	267	...	...	2.5	...
385	212	Do Contl	385	+1	2.7	0.9	...
264	147	-do- Emp	264	+7	...	2.2	...
459	213	-do- F East	422	+6	1.1	0.3	...
419½	246	-do- Fledg	419½	+2½	3.0	0.9	...
122	93	-do- Hi Inc	114	...	...	4.8	...
273	139	-do- Japan	266½	-4½	...	0.2	...
347	250	-do- Merc	346	+1½	6.7	2.4	...
346½	212	-do- Oseas	345	+1	4.2	1.5	...
311	203	Foreign & Col	306½	-3½	...	1.4	...
148	56½	-do- Emg Mkts	147	...	0.2	0.2	∞
77	44	-do- Emerprise	77	...	0.4	0.7	...
258	164	-do- Eurotst	258	...	...	0.6	...
145	87	-do- German	129	-1	0.5	0.5	...
373	191	-do- Pacific	371	-2	...	0.7	...
191½	116	-do- Smaller	191½	+1	1.8	1.2	...
303	145	GT Japan	287 †	-10	...	0.5	...
194	65	Genl Cons Cap	194	-1	...	...	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	112	...	...	9.4	...
191	115	Govett Am Smlr	191	...	...	...	...
149	94	-do- Emg Mkts	149	+2½	...	...	...
110	96	Govett High Inc	104½	...	...	0.3	...
429	184	-do- Oriental	412	+3	0.9	0.3	...
346	207	-do- Strategy	345	-1	...	2.4	...
468	340	Greenfriar	468	...	6.6	1.6	∞
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
157	124	Inv Cap	157 †	...	...	4.1	...
119	77	IBS UK Smllr	118	...	2.8	3.0	...
343	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	241	-1	5.1	2.7	∞
272½	176	-do- O'seas	271	-1	3.3	1.5	...
165	108	-do- Smlr	165	-1	...	2.7	...
826	540	Law Debenture	819	-1	18.5	2.8	...
227	164	Majedie	227	...	...	2.8	...
324	221	Merchants	323 †	+1	...	4.3	...
3343½	1850	Merrill Lynch	2925	-25	...	...	...
995	583	Monks Inv Tst	592	-1	...	1.4	...
158	105	Morg Gren Inc	157	-½	...	3.6	...
64	33	Do Warrants	64	...	...	1.2	∞
146	56	Murray Ent	148 ‡	...	...	1.2	∞
£290	£117½	-do- 8 Pf 1994	£290	...	...	...	...
58	30	-do- Warrants	58	+1	...	...	...
67	39	Murray Euro	66½	...	0.1	0.1	...
23	4½	Do Wts	22½	...	...	...	...
393	282	Murray Income	392	-1	10.9	3.5	...
305	265	-do- Intl	302	...	11.6	3.7	...
567	263	-do- Small	547	...	...	1.0	...
103	89½	-do- S/C Inc	95	...	...	14.3	...
174	73	-do- S/C Cap	172	-2	...	...	...
3400	2790	-do- S/C Uts	3400	...	...	3.9	...
160	142½	-do- S/C DP	160	+1	...	...	...
363	230	-do- Vern	361½	...	...	3.8	...
95	68	Nedinrop Inc	94 †	...	6.7	9.0	...
404	349	Oseas Inv Tst	401	-1	...	1.0	...
647	395	Pacific Assets	582	+6	1.1	0.2	...
545	187	Do Warrants	497	+9	...	...	...
9150	7650	Personal Assets	9150	...	190	2.6	...
189	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	185	+1	1.1	0.6	...
127	108	River & Merc	124	...	6.2	9.3	...
465	350	Robeco	430	...	...	2.9	...
439	346	Rolinco	439½	...	...	1.8	...
321	214	St Andrew Inv	311	+1	7.8	3.0	∞
183	131	Scot American	180	-1	...	3.2	...
371	136	Scot Asian	330	-1	...	...	...
1090	725	do Warrants	980	-5	...	...	...
97½	68½	-do- Eastern	95	-1	1.5	3.0	...
262½	183	Scot Inv	260 †	-1½	4.9	2.4	∞
294½	178	-do- Mtge	260	-1	4.0	1.9	...
135	71	-do- Value	131	-1	...	1.7	...
1795	1390	Second Allnce	1790	-1	...	2.7	...
106	74	Secs Tst of Scot	104	-1	2.2	3.9	...
179	109½	Selective Asset	176	...	1.4	1.0	∞
515	34	Sphere Inv	50 †	-1	3.4	8.5	∞
205	112	TR Far East	193½	-1½	...	3.3	...
177½	125	TR Cty Of Lon	176½	-1	...	3.5	...
240	110	TR Pacific	219	-1	0.3	0.2	...
43½	31	TR Property	42½	...	0.9	2.7	...
152	47	TR Tech Inv	152	...	1.7	1.4	...
227	146	TR Smlr Cos	227	...	...	2.1	...
412	263	Temple Bar	407	...	13.2	4.1	...
135	69	Thrgtn Asian E	127	...	6.5	0.5	...
99	54	Throgmorton	98	-1	2.3	2.6	...
553	363	Thrgr Dual Cp	538	-2	...	...	...
269	178	USDC Invest	266	-1	4.5	2.1	...
127	76½	Value Inc Tst	127	+2	4.0	3.9	...
930	542	Whitbread Inv	925	...	16.5	2.2	...
257½	181	Witan	255½	-1½	5.8	2.6	...

LEISURE

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
576	269	Airtours	570 †	+6	...	2.1	19.5
64	41	Aid Leis	45	...	...	8.3	14.7
668	144	Anglia TV	667 †	+1	...	1.3	30.9
113	63	Baldwin	112	-1	4.6	5.1	15.2
288	192	Barr & W 'A'	288	+1	10.0	4.3	19.6
1400	930	Boosey Hwks	1375	-25	22.0	2.0	20.6
163	90	Border TV▲	175 †	...	3.6	2.6	14.3
16½	4	Brent Walker	5	...	...	...	...
150	48	Bristol Strte	106	+3	...	...	...
9	2½	Buckingham Intl	5½	...	...	...	...
292	44	Campari	72	...	...	8.7	17.2
430	171	Capital Radio	436	-2	...	1.6	38.4
1047	520	Carlton Comm	1013	+8	...	2.1	21.9
304	158	Carlie Comms▲	304	-4	...	3.5	20.2
3130	1615	Central TV	3070	...	39.0	1.6	33.4
126	61	Chrysalis	125 †	+6	3.2	3.2	...
744	470	Compass Gp	744	-7	...	2.2	20.5
350	175	Eurocamp	270	...	4.7	4.5	11.1
1180	218	Euro Disney	360½	-36½	...	3.0	...
8	1½	Euro Leisure	2½	...	...	...	...
43½	16	Ex-Lands	41½	-1	...	1.1	...
419	245	Fairline Boats	394	-1	...	3.4	36.4
378	232	First Leisure	349	-2	6.5	2.4	∞
457	403	Flextech▲	457 #	-30	0.5	0.1	...
948	298	GWR Gp▲	649	...	9.9	1.2	∞
268	149	Grampian	268	...	6.5	3.0	14.6
22	4½	Greenwich Comm	11	...	...	...	...
129	14	HTV Group	125	...	...	...	...
86	30	Hi-Tec Sports	17½	...	...	3.2	56.4
16½	9½	Kunick	17	...	...	...	16.7
717	405	LWT Hldgs	697½	-1	...	0.9	32.2
610	327	Man Utd	610	...	...	4.0	34.5
48	2½	Northern	46	...	...	...	5.9
145	59	Owners Abrd	101	...	3.6	4.9	6.1
89	33	The Pelican Gp	66	-1	1.1	1.6	20.6
182	55	Prism Leisure▲	163 †	+2	3.5	2.4	17.0
42	16	Quadrant Grp	36	...	...	...	...
588	274	Radio Clyde▲	575 †	...	...	2.1	25.7
229	132	Ramsdens (H)	227	+7	4.5	2.5	30.1
552	410	Scot TV	535	+1	10.3	2.4	26.3
37	13½	SelecTV▲	34	...	...	...	...
114	37	Southern Radio	110 †	-3	...	1.4	48.7
338	168	Stanley Leisure	331 †	-1	5.2	2.0	26.1
145	115	Sunset & Vine	133	+1	3.5	3.3	20.3
420	349½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	16.7
2½	1	Ticketing▲	2½	...	...	...	...
117	64	Tottenhm Hs	89 †	...	...	2.8	6.7
138	44	Trans World▲	121	-14	0.8	0.8	44.1
674	274	Ulster TV	673	...	12.0	2.2	20.6
137	62	Vardon	129	...	0.8	0.8	30.0
272	110	Yorkshire TV	271	...	3.3	1.5	...
120	83	Zetters Gp	111 †	...	8.0	9.0	12.6

MINING

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
6518½	1800	Am Gold	5987½	-18½	...	3.8	26.4
1887½	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1818½	...	...	5.1	9.4
3675	1125	Ang Am	3137½	-5½	...	2.2	26.6
33½	8½	Anglo Pac Res▲	30	-1	...	...	...
197	33	Blyvoors	132½	-5½	...	...	...
46	18	Bracken	33½	+3½	...	26.5	5.9
896	233	Buffels	760½	-10½	...	8.5	6.6
6	1	Butte	4½	+½	...	...	...
906½	546	CRA	904½	+26	...	2.3	29.0
51	11	Cluff Res	50½	+10	...	...	...
1750	762½	De Beers	1637½	+50	...	3.0	22.2
165	37½	Deelkraal	127	+4½	...	1.6	9.3
96	7	Doornfontein	50½	-1	...	...	...
914	389	Driefontein	832	-5½	...	4.0	13.7
786	120	Durban	618½	-5	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	142½	-1	...	7.7	4.2
175	35	E Rand Prop	104½	+½	...	...	...
604	117	Elandsrand	434½	-4½	...	4.6	∞
1239	292	FS Cons	978½	-4½	...	6.6	12.6
50	8	FS Dev	43	...	...	...	...
1800	725	GFSA	1493½	-6½	...	2.7	25.1
150	62½	Gencor	126½	+4	...	7.1	16.2
80½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	80½	+1	...	1.7	33.2
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	16½	-½	...	...	...
202	49	Grootvlei	137 †	+1	...	7.3	8.6
416	78	Harmony	394½	+6½	...	...	...
430	87	Hartles	391½	-5	...	7.2	9.8
20½	8½	Inoco▲	18½	-1	...	...	...
1028½	490½	Impala Plat	878½	+18½	...	3.2	28.2
16½	6	Kenmare Res▲	14½	...	...	...	...
1315½	331½	Kinross	1096½	-19½	...	5.7	12.2
913	310	Kloof	773½	-6½	...	3.2	9.2
137	25	Leslie	94½	-½	...	12.2	5.0
359	13	Loraine	240½	+1½	...	...	...
930	620	Lydenburg	920	...	...	2.1	...
148½	80	MIM	148½	+8½	...	1.5	64.5
1512	820	Minorco	1476	+4	...	2.6	17.5
194½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	193½	+12½	...	2.6	29.8
4587½	612½	Orange Free	2500	-6½	...	5.1	14.8
899	607	PTZ	877	-20	...	2.8	24.8
225	106½	Rand Mines	187½	...	...	6.8	7.1
801½	150	Randfontein	627	...	...	6.0	6.3
290	115	Renison	290	+5	...	1.6	30.0
1346½	850	Rustnburg	1128½	+19½	...	3.2	25.8
756	191	St Helena	627 †	-6	...	6.7	13.2
2887½	475	Southvaal	1996½	-15½	...	4.8	∞
119	18	Stilfontein	79 †	...	...	26.2	14.7
201	58	Unisel	132½	-9	...	13.3	12.7
7600	1800	Vaal Reefs	6421½	-65½	...	4.3	∞
813	154	Welkom	648	-3	...	5.2	14.5
640	26	Western Areas	598½	-14½	...	4.4	4.2
3362½	587½	Western Deep	2565½	-21½	...	4.4	∞
398	176	Wstn Mining	395½	+14½	...	1.3	...
1225	321½	Winkels	912½	+6½	...	5.1	8.7
84	49	Zambia Copper	62	...	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	62	-2	...	7.4	21.6

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	243	...	3.0	3.3	11.1
135	95	Airflow Stream	115	...	...	3.8	...
175	78	Appleyard	172	...	...	3.1	18.5
365	203	Blechley Mtr	365	...	6.0	3.6	21.1
210	130	Bristom	210	...	...	...	...
574	165	Br Aerospace	553	-20	7.3	1.7	...
58	19½	Burndene	52 †	...	...	4.2	14.0
465	303	Caffyns	465	+40	11.5	3.1	24.6
18½	4½	Caverdale	17½	...	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr▲	126	...	4.0	4.1	∞
43	18	Cook (DC)▲	43	...	0.9	2.6	24.4
348	156	Cowie (T)	345	-1	6.6	2.4	26.3
165	86	Dag Motors	165	...	5.7	4.4	29.8
157	102½	Davnprt Vern	157	...	4.2	3.4	∞
330	155	ERF	329	...	2.0	0.8	...
173	92	European Mtr	171	+1	...	2.7	24.0
498	208	Evans Halshaw	498	...	11.4	2.9	76.7
293	211	FR Group	287	+2	...	3.1	13.4
4593½	2543½	Ford Motor	4531½	+81½	...	...	...
4143½	2143½	General Mtr	4112½	+31½	...	2.0	13
78	38	Gowrings	77	...	...	3.2	...
343	85	Henlys	342	...	3.5	1.3	...
1083½	769	Honda Motor	954½	-74½	...	0.9	...
48	15	Jacks (Wm)	43	...	...	...	...
111	66	Jessups	111	+1	4.5	5.1	...
184	97	Kwik-Fit	184	+2	...	2.4	26.0
573	291	Lex Service	558	-4	...	2.5	30.5
259	85	Lookers	259	...	6.5	3.2	∞
239	126	Lucas	234	-2	...	3.7	...
29½	21	Malaya Grp	29	...	...	...	...
304	224½	Pendragon	304	+1	...	2.6	25.0
238	101½	Perry Gp	238	...	...	3.7	...
208	108	Quicks Group	208	+12	...	2.9	26.6
188	96½	Rolls-Royce	180	-9½	...	3.5	...
249	164	T & N	242	-3	...	5.6	34.5
298	163	Trinity Hldgs	298	-3	...	2.3	27.0
216	125	Vardy (Reg)	216	+2	...	2.5	25.3
309	121	Westland	307 †	...	...	1.8	21.5

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
330	103	Adscene	312	...	5.7	2.3	31.7
360	315	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.0	13.7
608	280	Blenheim Gp	347	+1	...	3.4	12.9
393	275	Bristol	393	...	...	3.8	35.5
£708	7775	Daily Mail	£132 †	+100	...	1.4	30.8
£132½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	£132 †	+100	...	1.4	30.8
355	210	Dorling Kind	274	...	...	1.5	24.8
6712½	4337½	Elsevier	6596½	-65½	...	1.4	22.6
476	322	EMAP	471	...	...	3.1	29.0
1535	873	Euromoney Pb	1535	...	4.7	3.1	27.0
204	154	Harrington K	193	+7	...	3.0	15.8
515	155½	Haynes Pub	483	-2	...	1.8	27.0
365	334	Hodder H'line	365	...	5.1	1.6	31.1
173	99	Home Counts	173	+8	5.2	3.8	...
188	30	Intl Bus Comm	160	...	...	...	26.9
15	6½	Int Cm & Data▲	11½	...	...	...	...
510	240	Independent	507	...	...	2.5	27.2
628	395	Johnstne Press	625	+13	6.5	1.3	22.2
356	243	Metal Bulletn	350	...	8.2	2.9	25.1
190	88	Mirror Gp	190½	...	...	...	...
515	297	News Corp	501½	-18½	...	0.3	...
314	169	News Intl	314	-21	...	0.6	19.3
735	342	Pearson	725	+7	...	2.1	39.4
755	510	Portsmth Sund	755	-15	...	1.6	20.8
964	616	Reed Int	945	-15	...	2.3	41.2
249	98	Southnews	249	...	2.3	1.2	46.0
194	90	Sterling Pub▲	194	...	...	2.0	21.6
558	328	Telegraph	557	-1	...	2.7	33.4
895	715	Thomson Corp	975	...	30.1	4.3	43.2
472	313	Trinity Intl	460	...	9.0	2.4	27.6
39	21	Unit Group▲	30	...	...	...	...
731	480½	Utd Newspprs	723	-4	...	3.7	20.1

OILS, GAS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
62½	34	Monument	62½	...	...	...	...
6½	4	New London	6½	...	1.0	4.3	∞
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	29	...	...	...	...
50	27	Oil Search	49	+1	...	...	...
27½	11½	Petroz	27½	-2	...	...	...
162	96	Pict Pet	158	...	...	...	...
29½	18	Premier	27½	...	...	...	...
156	50	Presidio	156	...	...	4.2	...
410	290	Ranger	390	-2	...	4.1	...
7700	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	7290½	-21	...	4.1	25.4
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4225	-21	...	2.0	...
67	47	Seafield	55	...	...	...	...
740	515	Shell	725	-4	22.8	3.9	22.7
213	140	Sunrise Eng Sv	140	...	...	...	...
41	15	Triton Europe	33	...	...	...	...
17½	6	Villers Grp	17½	+½	...	...	...
215½	135	Woodside	215	+5½	...	1.7	...
37	17	Aran Energy	26½	+1	...	...	25.6
61	33	Arcon Intl▲	44	...	...	...	...
71	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	70½	+4½	...	...	...
83	25	Aviva Pet	62	+1	...	...	...
16	3½	Beverley	8½	...	...	...	...
233	145	Br Borneo	232	...	7.1	3.8	7.0
361½	276	British Gas	351½	-3½	14.2	5.0	17.0
391½	225	Br Petroleum	382½	+1	8.4	2.7	30.0
3½	1	Bula Resources	3½	...	...	...	...
865	675	Burmah Castrl	856	-5	...	3.7	20.0
66	32	Cairn Energy	60	...	...	...	8.6
375	223	Calor Gp	354	-2	...	4.2	19.3
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	47½	...	...	...	...
44	26	Copley Res	27½	...	...	...	...
27½	10½	Edm Oil & Gas	27	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	471	-1	...	4.2	25.0
88	36	Exp Co Louis	40	+3	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	26½	+½	...	4.0	9.7
10½	4	Fortune	7½	...	...	...	...
67	45	Goal Pet	60	...	1.4	2.0	11.5
48	18	Gt Western Res	38	...	...	...	...
181	104½	Hardy O & G	158	+1	...	0.8	14.7
55	18½	Kelt Energy	50	...	...	...	...
195	97	LASMO	135	-2	...	3.1	27.4
103	63	-do- Units	68	...	9.4	17.4	...
24	2	Mid Scot Res▲	6	-½	...	...	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
184	120	AG Holdings	164	...	...	3.6	15.7
444	299	API	442 †	...	...	2.3	27.7
286	144	Arjo Wiggins	280	-3	...	2.9	45.2
597	400	Abbott Mead	592	+2	9.5	2.0	31.3
40	15	Acsis Gp	36½	...	...	...	...
212	118	Aspen Comms▲	195	...	4.9	3.1	17.7
35	24	BBB Design▲	24	...	...	...	...
459	223	Bemrose	453	...	...	3.5	21.5
17	8	Birkdale	13½	...	...	...	...
175	118	Bunzl	170	+10	4.0	2.6	25.6
430	257	CIA Gp	430	...	4.4	1.3	27.2
230	93	Capital Inds	176	+5	...	2.5	17.1
93	44	City of Lonn	88	...	...	5.5	16.2
354	169	Cropper (Jmes)	354	...	3.2	1.1	34.2
168	51	Dawn Group	106	-4	1.6	1.9	14.5
135	94	Dolphin Pack	135	+2	4.5	4.2	23.3
87	42	Dudley Jenkins▲	83	...	...	4.5	17.9
16½	10½	Elswick	14½	...	...	2.6	16.2
91	41	Fairway Group▲	91	...	7.2	4.5	26.5
409	271	Ferguson Intl	409	+5	...	3.5	15.5
140	92	Ferry Pick	140	...	...	5.0	27.5
227	74	Filofax▲	227	...	...	0.9	24.2
39	15	Firth	15	...	...	...	...
154	69	Gibbon Lyons▲	149 †	+1	5.2	4.4	16.5
295	205	Golc Greenley	259	...	8.4	4.1	27.1
41	17	Goodhead	32 †	...	...	0.2	∞
89	19	Hunterprint	24	...	...	...	...
185	136	Interseurope	160	...	...	6.1	11.6
255	191	Jarvis Porter	225	...	...	2.1	26.9
39	15	Lopex	33	+5	...	...	...
38	26	MMI	32	...	...	...	...
430	175	More O'Ferrall	420	...	13.2	3.6	51.5
145	48	NMC Group	142	...	2.7	2.4	21.7
300	66	Osborne & Little	300	...	...	2.1	32.4
60	6½	Osprey Comms	59½	...	...	0.2	...
574	455	Portals	573	+4	...	3.2	...
3½	0½	Premier Hlth	2½	...	...	...	...
316	159	Quarto	316	...	...	2.3	16.5
376	270	St Ives Gp	371	+1	...	1.9	24.9
156	133	Saatchi	149	-1	...	...	...
526½	392	Sappi	525½	-1	...	6.3	10.9
39	8½	Serif	28½	...	...	...	...
59	14	Shandwick	54½	...	...	...	...
513	294	Smith David	508 †	+6	...	2.5	34.7
361	206	Smurfit Deft	356	-3	...	1.5	...
119	45	Somic	119	...	2.5	2.6	45.5
360	163	Sun-Plus	340	...	8.4	4.4	21.4
33	16	Taylor Nelson	31½	-1	0.3	1.3	26.4
141	38	VTR▲	141	...	...	3.3	21.2
122	40	WPP	119	...	...	1.1	...
264	62	Wace	251	-7	...	0.5	...
300	203	Waddington (J)	255	-2	...	4.0	19
479	270	Watmough	473	-3	...	1.5	37.5
7	3	Westpora▲	4	...	...	...	...
44	12	Whitney Mckn▲	37	...	...	...	...
102	55	Wyndeham	103 †	...	...	1.8	22.1

PROPERTY

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	41	Allied Lon	129	-1	...	3.4	23.4
48	35	Arcadian	48	...	...	...	...
16½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	9½	...	...	...	...
144	52	Asda	144	...	...	1.5	...
191	58	Avonside	191	...	4.1	2.7	25.5
2437½	2062½	BCE▲	2450	-56½	...	...	...
763	39½	Bilton	763	+6	18.9	3.1	27.6
94	17	Bourne End	53	+1	...	...	...
276	150	Bradford	274	...	5.9	2.7	27.6
23	5	Bredero	21½	...	...	...	...
474	166½	Br Land	447 †	-2	...	2.0	40.7
276	140½	Brixton	266	...	...	3.9	21.2
109	42	Burford	106	...	...	1.5	...
213	99	Cap & Regnl▲	213	-1	1.5	0.8	...
270	120	Cardiff Prop	270 †	...	2.5	1.2	...
640	196	Chesterfield	640	+5	11.5	2.2	45
83	12	City Site Ests	78	-2	...	...	...
35	12	Clarke Nickolls	30	...	...	...	...
546	285	Compco	285	...	12.9	6.0	61.8
62	34	Conrad Fnlay Gs	60	+1	...	...	...
1700	816	Daejan	1700 †	...	...	2.0	21.0
65	5	Dares Estates	23½	...	...	...	...
149	53	Debenham Twsn	149 †	-1	...	2.6	29.3
17	4	De Morgan	16	...	...	...	...
188	76	Dencora	167	...	3.0	2.9	...
713	263	Derwent Hldgs	713	+5	6.7	1.5	...
45	10	Development Sec	41	+1	...	...	...
65	24	Dwyer	64	...	...	2.3	48.2
406	170	Estates Agency	406	...	...	...	...
43	7½	Estates Gen	36	-3½	...	...	...
132	66	Evans Of Leeds	132	...	...	2.2	33.3
37	11	Five Oaks	37	...	...	...	...
74	30	Fletcher King	74 †	...	1.0	1.7	49.6
531	226½	Frogmore	529	+6	...	1.6	25.5
318	97	Grainger	318 †	...	5.2	2.1	∞
260	116½	Gr Portland	260	...	...	4.0	23.6
22	3½	Greycoat	21½	...	...	...	...
269	101	HK Land	257½	+1	...	2.5	33.4
94	35	Hambro Cntyw	84	...	0.5	0.7	...
422	233	Hammerson	415	-2	10.0	3.0	42.0
371	125	Helical Bar	371	-2	...	1.7	13.5
40½	19	Hemingway	40	...	...	...	...
132	56	Herring Baker	70	...	3.7	6.7	17.0
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
802	435	Land Sec	762	-10	23.1	3.6	22.7
122	73	Lon Merch Sec	122 †	...	4.0	4.1	19.0
22½	6½	Lon & Metro	16	...	...	...	...
565	315½	MEPC	557	-11	...	4.7	37.8
12	5	McInerney A	11½	...	...	...	...
190	60	McKay Secs	180 †	...	3.5	2.4	24.7
8½	2½	Markheath	6	...	...	...	...
81	12	Merivale Mre	81	...	...	...	...
55	29	Moorfield Est	53	...	...	...	...
1369½	775	Mountview	1350 †	...	22.0	2.0	14.1
196	112	Mucklow (A&J)	196	...	...	3.9	30.5
69	30	Olives Prop	69	+7	...	...	...
10½	1½	ORB	2	...	...	...	...
191	88	PSIT	191	...	4.3	2.9	37.7
396	138	Peel	396	...	4.3	1.4	...
16	4½	Power Corp	9½	...	...	...	...
90	22	Property Trust	43	...	...	...	12.3
63	33	Raglan	51	...	...	...	...
40	11	Regalian	38	...	1.5	1.1	20.6
165	110	Rowlinson Secs	165	+1	0.9	1.8	46.8
64	16	St Modwen Prp	64	-1	...	4.4	38.3
78	39	Saville Grdn (I)	77	+1	...	2.4	36.8
100	59	Savills	93 †	...	...	1.7	...
112	39½	Scot Met	108	+3	...	...	...
135	59	Shaftesbury	135	-2	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	12½	-2	...	3.4	21.1
313	139½	Slough Estates	302	-3	...	2.9	...
130	50	Southend Prop	103 †	...	...	...	...
30	16	Stanhope Prps	29	...	...	...	...
244	114	Town Ests	244 †	+3	2.1	1.1	...
161	79	Town Centre	161	+2	...	2.6	28.6
106	43	Trafford Park	104	+7	...	3.4	23.9
58	17	UK Land	41	...	...	...	...
12	4	Union Square	10	...	...	...	...
316	180	Warner	316	...	10.4	4.1	26.9
247	166	Warnford	247	+1	7.5	3.8	17.9
8	2	Waterglade	4½	...	...	...	...
100	34	Wates	100	...	...	...	...
105	40	Wood John D▲	105 †	...	...	0.9	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
34	11	Automagic▲	34	...	...	...	...
218	84	Headlam	216	+6	...	1.7	49.2
500	285	Lambert	405	-60	13.2	4.1	9.9
100	44	Pinards	74	...	1.5	2.5	21.1
30	20	Strong & Fisher	23½	...	1.0	5.3	6.5
248	99	Stylo	248	...	...	1.5	...
66	53	UK Safety	65	...	...	5.0	2.1

TEXTILES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
610	406	Allied Text	610	-1	12.0	2.7	∞
71	54	Beckman (A)	70	...	...	6.4	15.0
41	21	Bolton Gp	27	...	...	...	...
226	141	Br Mohair	217	...	8.5	4.9	20.5
53	15	Charnwell▲	49	...	...	...	...
364	298	Claremont Gs	351	...	7.5	2.7	21.6
601	440	Courtauld Text	591	-8	13.9	2.9	16.2
53½	20	Cupid▲	24	...	...	...	...
248½	130	Dawson	154	-2	...	6.2	11.7
47	22	Drummond	35	...	...	...	...
89	65	Faupel▲	76 †	...	4.9	7.0	12.1
34	15	Foster (John)	28	...	...	...	...
147	80	Gaskell	142	-1	4.2	3.7	...
249	156	Hicking Pntcst	238	...	...	2.2	16.9
90	45	Jerome (S)	67	...	...	0.4	...
456	249	Lamont	458	+14	12.0	3.3	30.5
515	359½	Leeds	503	...	...	2.1	17.7
122	73	Lyles (S)	100	...	...	4.1	...
215	89	Magellan	164	...	1.4	1.1	...
266	77½	Parkland	264	...	...	0.8	...
111	92	Readicut	111 †	+½	...	3.9	20.9
66	35	SEET	53	...	...	...	...
147	72	Sirdar	140	...	...	4.8	6.7
72	44	Stirling Gp	63	...	1.9	3.8	17.4
51	35	Stoddard	45	...	...	4.2	41.9
330	250	Tomkinsons	325 †	...	...	4.4	25.6
59	30½	West Trust	47	...	...	7.2	...
280	126	Yorklyde	277	...	...	2.4	16.2

TOBACCOS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	407	BAT	510½	-10½	...	4.7	15.3
495	315½	Rothmans	461	-7	...	3.4	14.5

TRANSPORT

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
617	349	Assoc Br Ports	614	-5	...	1.6	...
1083	707	BAA	1062	-3	...	1.9	26.4
128	106	Badgerline	126	-1	...	4.1	14.9
496½	249	Br Airways	491	-7	...	2.7	22.0
113	56	Clarkson (H)	98	-1	1.7	2.2	...
665	332	Eurotunnel Uts	593	-2	...	...	...
87	44	Fisher (James)	97	...	0.5	0.7	23.4
293	147	IoM Steam	290	...	...	3.6	15.2
55	24	Jacobs (J)	53	+1	0.5	1.2	...
111	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	110	...	...	1.2	30.1
500	264	Mersey Docks	500	+6	...	2.2	34.0
282	181	Natl Express	280	-1	...	3.2	38.6
291	218	NFC	276 †	-1	...	3.2	21.4
348	244	Ocean Group	344	-1	...	5.2	...
91	40	Ocean Wilson	85	...	4.0	5.9	15.4
728	504	P & O Dfd	724	-1	...	5.3	39.3
164	127	P & O 5 1/2%	155	-1	...	4.4	...
705	448	Powell Duffryn	683	-2	...	4.1	21.6
235	117	Seacon▲	226	...	5.4	3.0	14.2
187	112	Stagecoach	187	+3	...	2.5	22.8
114½	31½	TNT	113½	...	...	...	...
895	624	Tibbet & Britn	888	-7	12.6	1.8	34.1
382	37	Tiphook	40	-2	...	...	...
226½	227	TDG	321	+1	...	3.7	10.7
139	96	Ufland	127	...	...	...	...

WATER

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
610	455	Anglian Water	583 †	+4	...	4.6	11.6
365	244	Mid Kent Hdgs	365	...	...	3.7	15.5
761	547	Northumbrian	743 †	-5	...	3.9	8.7
611	431½	North West	601 †	+7	...	4.6	9.9
645	430	Severn Trent	635 †	+3	...	4.3	9.6
685	454	Sthrn Water	666 †	+5	...	4.1	10.7
1605	1225	Sth Staffs	1583	...	48.5	3.8	11.3
675	465	South West	654 †	+9	...	4.6	10.6
611	454	Thames Water	599 †	+1	...	4.5	11.5
744	506	Welsh Water	739 †	-19	...	4.1	7.5
759½	536	Wessex Water	744 †	+3	...	3.7	11.8
630	477½	Yorkshire W	615 †	+9	...	4.4	10.2

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; ■ Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; ↑ Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
107⅝	100⅝	Treas 8½% 1994	100⅝ †	...	8.48	...
109½	100	Treas 14½% 1994	100 †	...	14.50	...
109⅛	101⅞	Exch 13½% 1994	101½	...	13.25	5.23
105⅞	101½	Treas 10% 1994	101½	-1/16	9.84	5.22
110⅝	104	Exch 12½% 1994	104 †	-1/16	12.02	5.14
105⅝	103	Treas 9% 1994	103	-1/16	8.74	5.07
111⅝	106⅞	Treas 12% 1995	106⅞	-1/16	11.26	5.06
98	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	98	...	3.06	4.69
109½	107⅛	Exch 10¼% 1995	107⅛	-1/16	9.56	5.12
116½	112½	Treas 12¾% 1995	112½	-⅛	11.31	5.18
120½	116½	Treas 14% 1996	116½	-⅛	12.06	5.28
125½	120⅞	Treas 15¼% 1996	120⅞	-¼	12.63	5.34
120½	115½	Exch 13¼% 1996	116½	-¼	11.35	5.35
112½	108½	Conv 10% 1996	111⅛	-⅛	8.96	5.46
122½	118½	Treas 13¼% 1997	120⅞	-¼	10.98	5.59
114⅞	110½	Exch 10½% 1997	113½	-¼	9.24	5.57
110½	105½	Treas 8¾% 1997	110 †	-¼	7.95	5.63
132⅞	127⅞	Exch 15% 1997	130⅞	-¼	11.50	5.80
114⅞	109½	Exch 9¾% 1998	117⅛	-⅜	8.56	5.80
106⅞	99⅞	Treas 7¼% 1998	105½	-⅛	6.86	5.72
106⅞	101⅞	Treas 7¼% B 1998	105⅞	-⅛	6.87	5.73
102½	97⅞	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101⅞	-⅛	6.63	5.25
131½	125½	Treas 14% 1998-01	130⅞	-¼	10.76	5.97
140⅞	133⅞	Treas 15½% 1998	138⅞	-⅜	11.18	5.88
126½	118½	Exch 12% 1998	124⅞	-⅜	9.63	6.02
116⅞	108⅞	Treas 9½% 1999	115⅞	-⅜	8.25	5.93

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101⅞	98½	Treas 6% 1999	100⅞ †	-1/16	5.95	5.83
129½	120⅞	Exch 12¼% 1999	126⅞	-⅛	9.66	6.10
121½	112⅞	Treas 10½% 1999	120⅞	-⅛	8.74	6.02
121½	112⅞	Conv 10¼% 1999	120½	-⅛	8.53	6.08
116½	106	Conv 9% 2000	114⅞ †	-⅛	7.84	6.07
136⅞	125½	Treas 13% 2000	134⅞	-¼	9.65	6.32
106⅞	97⅞	Treas 7% 2001	104½	-⅛	6.68	6.21
132½	109⅞	Treas 10% 2001	120 †	-⅛	8.30	6.37
123⅞	108½	Treas 9¾% 2002	121½ †	-⅛	8.04	6.49
113⅞	97⅞	Treas 8% 2003	111⅞	-⅛	7.18	6.37
127⅞	109½	Treas 10% 2003	124½ †	-¼	8.02	6.52
129⅞	116½	Treas 11½% 2001-04	127⅞	-¼	9.00	6.56
86½	67⅞	Fund 3½% 1999-04	83½	-⅛	4.19	5.61
105⅞	97½	Treas 6¾% 2004	103½	-⅛	6.55	6.36
125⅞	105½	Conv 9½% 2004	122½	-⅛	7.76	6.58
125⅞	105½	Conv 9½% 2005	122½	-⅛	7.73	6.60
143⅞	124½	Treas 12½% 2003-05	140⅞	-⅛	8.88	6.75
111½	94⅞	Treas 8% 2002-06	109½	-⅛	7.32	6.57
112⅞	94⅞	Treas 7¾% 2006	109⅞ †	-⅛	7.05	6.59
136½	118⅞	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	133½	-⅛	8.80	6.72
119⅞	97⅞	Treas 8½% 2007	116⅞	-⅛	7.30	6.65
151⅞	131½	Treas 13½% 2004-08	149	-⅛	9.06	6.76
124⅞	101½	Treas 9% 2008	121½	-⅛	7.40	6.67

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115⅞	92⅞	Treas 8% 2009	112⅞	-⅛	7.09	6.69
126⅞	100½	Conv 9% 2011	123⅞	-⅛	7.28	6.69
127⅞	100⅞	Treas 9% 2012	124⅞ †	-⅛	7.23	6.68
94	70½	Treas 5½% 2008-12	90 †	-⅛	6.11	6.44
114½	89½	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	111⅞	-⅛	6.93	6.63
117½	93⅞	Treas 8% 2013	114⅞	-⅛	7.00	6.68
159½	125⅞	Exch 12% 2013-17	155⅞	-1⅛	7.72	6.85
128½	97⅞	Treas 8¾% 2017	125½ †	-1⅛	6.99	6.63

UNDATED

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54⅞	38½	War Ln 3½%	52⅞	-⅛	6.65	...
37½	27⅞	Treas 2½%	36½	-⅛	6.92	...

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1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
137½	131½	Treas IL 2% 1994	137⅞	...	...	...
204½	194⅞	Treas IL 2% 1996	202⅞	-½	1.22	2.19
113½	105⅞	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	112½	-½	1.38	2.05
176½	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	175⅞	-½	2.16	2.54
173½	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	172½	-½	2.38	2.69
118½	105½	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	117⅞	-½	2.40	2.70
184½	159½	Treas IL 2% 2006	183½	-½	2.50	2.73
168⅞	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	166⅞	-½	2.70	2.90
175⅞	148⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2011	173½ †	-½	2.76	2.95
146½	122⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2013	144⅞ †	-½	2.81	2.97
157½	130⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2016	154½	-½	2.87	3.02
152⅞	124⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2020	149⅞	-½	2.92	3.06
129½	102½	Treas IL 2½% 2024	126½	-½	2.91	3.03
128⅞	103½	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	126⅞	-½	2.93	3.05

Write-on, but is it science?

Job applicants may find their handwriting says more about them than they reveal in an interview. **David Guest** reports

You will know you have stumbled into the hands of graphologists if, in the course of an application for a job, you are asked to submit anything handwritten. The question is, what can you do?

According to Dr Frits Cohen, a graphologist, the use of handwriting analysis in selecting candidates for jobs is growing, in information technology as in other areas. Unfortunately, the employers putting it into practice are shy and reluctant to declare themselves, and graphologists are unwilling to proclaim their enlightenment too publicly.

All that can be said for sure is that if you apply for a job with a French company you will almost certainly be asked to provide a sample — but this will not necessarily happen with a British subsidiary. For example, Groupe Bull has the French enthusiasm for graphology in Paris but the British caution about exotic sciences at its offices in west London. The Germans and Swiss are also more receptive to the practice.

The case for graphology is strongly urged by Dr Cohen and Daniel Wander, his colleague. "Coupled with well worked-out job descriptions and structured interviews, handwriting analysis by experienced analysts is the most reliable method of candidate selection", they claim in *Handwriting Analysis at Work*.

Dr Cohen says: "The weak side of graphology is the fantastic difference between graphologists. I like to work with teams, using at least two people on any analyses to exclude the subjective element."

He runs Graph-O-Logica with Mr Wander, but they would never advise a client to rely solely on handwriting analysis. He explains: "I suggest that they conduct their interviews to form their own opinions, then get our report and compare them. They will also find points in our report that do not come out of the interview."

In theory, handwriting reveals traits that might be deemed appropriate to certain kinds of employment. Dr Cohen's and Mr Wander's list of attributes for a computer programmer include most of the obvious characteristics — "clear, logical thinker", "able to work under pressure," for example — and one or two less obvious such as being loyal and proud.

The first requirement is penmanship of high intrinsic value (IV). This derives from the general impression the writing makes, its layout on the page, whether it looks natural or artificial and the originality of the letters. Anyone trying to improve their chances by developing handwriting with a high IV will probably fail on the grounds of artificiality, but with practice it may be possible.

Logical ability is betrayed in the handwriting by a high degree of connection between letters. On the other hand, "extreme connectedness — writing in which words are joined together — can result from a state of continuous overexcitement". The answer is not to overdo it. There are also different types of connection. Garlands, in which letters such as "m" and "n" look like a child's representation of the sea, are best for team players.

Other aspects of handwriting that mark the accomplished computer programmer, for example, include right-slanted writing on even horizontal lines, indicating a goal-directed individual. Towering capitals indicate pride and a precisely dotted "i" and crossed "t" show accuracy. It should be pointed out that each characteristic has a negative as well as a positive side. The minus side of garland connections, for example, is that they can easily reveal an indecisive, easily distracted person.

John Mahoney-Phillps, a managing consultant with Saville & Holdsworth, the recruitment evaluation company synonymous with psychometric testing, is too polite to describe graphology as bunkum.

Instead, he claims that it is devoid of validity, where validity is used in the sense of meaning a relationship between a test or measurement and job performance. For example, there is no direct connection between a crossed "t" or a rounded loop and the ability to write a line of computer code. He says: "Where tests have come under scrutiny, they have been allowed or disallowed on content validity — whether the items in the test relate to the job."

In the academic world, criticism is even stronger. Efrat Neter and Gershon Ben-Shakhar, two Israeli scientists, writing in *Personal Individual Differences*, having studied the work of groups of graphologists, psychologists and lay people, concluded that graphologists subconsciously drew conclusions from content rather than style.

"In the few cases where neutral scripts were used the validities of the graphologists were near zero," they said. "In addition, it was found that psychologists outperformed graphologists on all dimensions."

Dr Cohen cites psychology in his own support: "Graphology isn't a complete science, it is emerging — just as psychology was 50 years ago, and that still isn't universally accepted." He also points out that there is academic evidence against psychometric testing.

In an appendix to their book, Dr Cohen and Mr Wander demonstrate the kind of chart an analyst might draw up to identify the skills and aptitudes for various jobs. By chance, their example features the IT department of "a large electronics and engineering company". They note that "a number of people working on the project have met with fatal accidents, disappeared or committed inexplicable suicide".

Perhaps the recruitment officers should have engaged a palm reader as well as graphologists.

ALAN WELLER



Dr Frits Cohen analyses the handwriting of the Prime Minister

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The essence of this role will be to research and recommend the hardware, software and telecomms on which a technical strategy best suited to the company's business aims should be based. It's a job for an IT professional whose understanding of technology in its broadest sense – mainframe, mid-range and client/server hardware and software, methodologies, and voice & data communications – is matched by proven managerial strength and excellent communication skill. Ideal candidates may be boffins, but they'll be boffins who clearly understand the commercial application of their technology and whose inter-personal skill will motivate their subordinates and impress their non technical colleagues. Unusual boffins indeed! Reference WE4006.

Systems Development Manager

The appointee will be responsible for producing and implementing a corporate systems strategy and systems implementation plan. This work will involve the management of a large number of high intellect professional staff, including contractors, consultants and FM providers, so proven ability to control multiple projects concurrently, to timescale, to budget and under pressure, will be the hallmark of our ideal candidate. It would be particularly valuable if this ability has been demonstrated in the retail, distribution, mail order or direct mail sector. This is far more than a technical role; although the job demands first rate experience in systems development across a wide range of technical platforms, it is even more important that we identify outstanding inter-personal skill and business acumen. Reference WE4007.

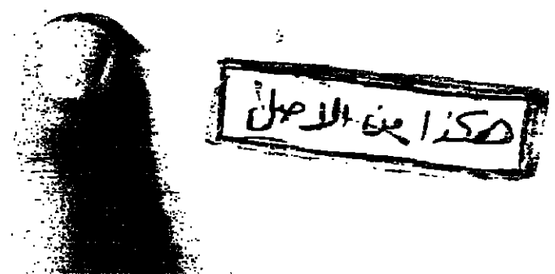
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For all three positions, the best candidates, probably under forty and ideally graduates, will certainly have at least ten years' relevant experience, of which four must have been in a genuine management role. Current platforms include ICL mainframe and mid-range, so knowledge of this equipment would be valuable, but certainly not essential.

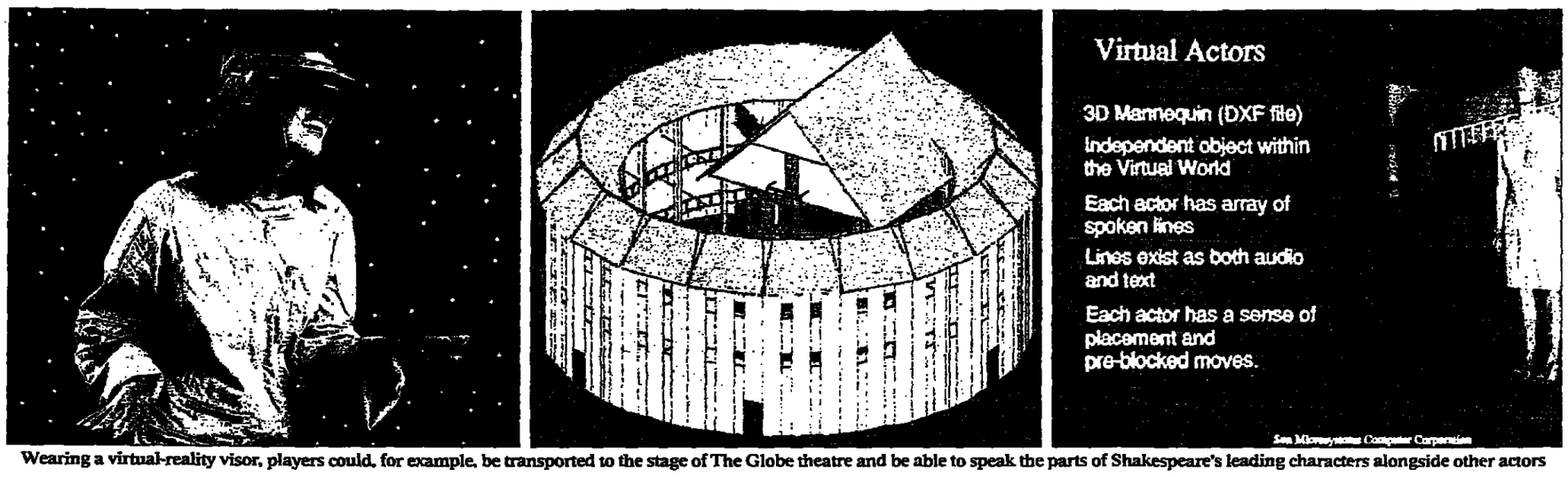
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INFOTECH

Matthew May looks at the spread of virtual reality to the theatre which will allow computer players to have walk-on parts and speak lines



Wearing a virtual-reality visor, players could, for example, be transported to the stage of The Globe theatre and be able to speak the parts of Shakespeare's leading characters alongside other actors

Your turn to take the stage

Despite primitive graphics, spinning images if you move your head too fast and a distinct feeling of nausea if you do it for too long, virtual reality headsets are on the way.

Known as immersion virtual reality — because a headset showing computer images and sound from built-in headphones should immerse you in an alternative computer-generated world — the effect can be enhanced by adding a "data glove" or two so that you can pick up a virtual teapot or have a virtual fight.

The possibilities for this technology have been well explored and predicted leisure uses range far beyond advanced video games to virtual holidays or even virtual sex. No self-respecting science fiction novel of the near future seems able to ignore the idea that an alternative virtual world will become commonplace.

Though the rudimentary nature of the present systems can be a disappointment to those who have read too much hype before trying one, the potential is easy to see.

In the way that desktop computer screens are starting to display high-quality moving pictures, virtual reality graphics are also likely improve quickly. Eventually, it is argued, this facility will develop to the extent where famous, and even long-dead actors will be able to be "sampled" — as music is today — so that they can be reconstructed in a virtual world to do and say anything.

But for now, you can stick the word "virtual" in front of anything and let your imagination do the rest. Perhaps a spot of virtual painting or a trip through a virtual museum, or how about virtual acting with some virtual actors?

This last possibility could start to become a reality today when Sun Microsystems, the computer firm, demonstrates a prototype example of a virtual theatre.

The system creates a virtual model of Shakespeare's Globe peopled with virtual actors performing extracts from the Bard's plays, using the recorded voices of real actors. You can choose to replace any of the actors and take their place on a virtual stage. And, if you do not know your lines, they can be superimposed at the bottom of the screen. Karaoke Shakespeare is on the way.

Like its contemporaries in other areas of virtual reality, the system is primitive but, its devotees argue, it should be compared to the early days of cinema. For the moment, the virtual actors are represented visually only by mannequins that will move around the virtual stage but are otherwise not animated.

According to its inventor, Andrew MacRae, the theatre is ideal for transformation into a virtual world because both media share certain attributes, not least that each requires a supension of disbelief. "Both take place within a bounded self-contained area, both restrict the user's field of view and movement, both employ actors whose movements are initially preplanned and both make use of props and sound effects," he says.

The developers have tried to portray an accurate representation of the original Globe Theatre based on drawings dating from about 1600 and the recent plans drawn up for the rebuilding of the theatre on London's Bankside. Background noise has also been added to try to represent the Globe in Shakespeare's day — when the theatre was an open-air stage playing to 3,000 people.

"All kinds of noises should be present as well as the dialogue of the play," says Mr MacRae, who in his less-theatrical moments is a manager for Sun's industrial virtual reality division in California.

Though the developers wanted to choose familiar scenes from plays for the prototype, Shakespeare's most famous monologues are, almost by definition, not well-suited for the virtual theatre because of the lack of interaction.

The result is that two scenes from *Romeo and Juliet* have been chosen for the prototype — the balcony scene and where Mercutio is killed by Tybalt — as well as a scene from *Macbeth* in which he and Banquo meet the three witches.

"When a user steps into a scene and assumes a role", Mr MacRae says, "the software continues to play the scene, silencing the lines of that character."

He admits that the present version is "only the first and, as such, is very rudimentary". Obvious improvements, he says, are turning the mannequins into proper virtual actors, with individual physical attributes and costumes, who are able to follow and react to the movements and actions of the human participant. Another useful modification would be the ability to handle several real "players", each adopting a different part and able to interact within the play.

As well as improving the quality of the pictures displayed on immersion virtual reality systems generally, researchers are eager to try to provide physical feeling. Some data gloves attempt to give an idea of the texture of different virtual objects by inflating tiny air sacs against the fingertip to indicate firmness.

One other possibility is the humble thimble. The *New Scientist* recently reported on an American patent application for a device that connects computer-driven motors to ordinary thimbles to give variable forces on a user's fingertips. This, the developers argue, can create the illusion of touching solid objects or even living flesh and five laboratory versions have been sold so far at £8,000 each.

The result could be that in a virtual world of the future not only will Juliet's face be seen to be moved at your tender rendition of Romeo's lines, but you may also be able to feel her still beating heart.

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Burglars miss the bargains

A telephone system used to diagnose faults on the line also foils thieves

Four burglars tried to break in through the roof of the Dixons superstore in Bury, Greater Manchester, last weekend. However, before they had time to drop in on the goods below, a police helicopter swooped in and captured them.

The thieves had been confident they had several hours in which to raid the store because they had cut the phone wires of the retail park. A short wait had seemed to confirm that no security alert had registered, so they assumed the place was now isolated and that no individual alarm systems would be able to alert the police electronically.

This rather subtle approach to burglary is said to be replacing ram-raiding, which has been largely foiled by the installation of bollards in front of vulnerable spots.

What the trio did not know was that Dixons stores are linked to head office by a sophisticated private phone network. One of the incidental features is a computer monitoring system designed to help engineers locate and diagnose faults on lines within ten seconds of breakdown.

Although the system was designed for maintenance rather than security, the electronics retail chain had installed a pair of desktop computers running the system in their security base. The severing of the wires in Bury had raised the alarm, leading to the scrambling of the police helicopter and the dramatic roof-top arrests.



Tony Burns-Howell, group security director for Dixons, says: "That weekend, we had 12 attempted break-ins, nine of which were foiled by the network. In the other three cases, the police reaction was so swift that losses were minimal, including the occasion involving the helicopter. The system has a very low rate of false alarms, so the police were confident enough about our alert to send the helicopter."

Cutting telephone wires often stands a good chance of success for burglars because even if the store has a sophisticated security system connected with the nearest police station or security firm, most are designed to raise the alarm if intruders disturb sensors in the shop. Some systems can check for wire cuts by phoning in from a central security station, but this is expensive and is therefore usually done at long intervals.

Dixons is using a phone service, known as X.25, to connect computers and tills in all stores with head office, so that branches can report daily sales figures and stock levels and can be informed of such things as price changes as they happen.

Tim Nottidge, a business development manager for *BT's X.25 network*, says: "We had been having a substantial *number of ram-raids and we* were disturbed that the alarm *was rendered useless when the* phone wires were cut.

"X.25 has a private wire which is live all the time and is polled every ten seconds, a bit of software included on the system is designed to let the customer look at the network and allow basic diagnostics when shops phone up asking what is wrong with the line. Then, someone had the bright idea of monitoring it day and night for mysterious total failures."

CHRIS PARTRIDGE

ONLINE

One born every minute

HAMLIN Harkins, an American management consultancy, has introduced a joke item linked to those nasties of the 1990s: computer viruses. Disk Protek, an oversized condom that covers the top of a floppy disc, is on sale for $5 (about £3.40) in America and should be on sale in Britain by the end of the month.

Gary Dahl, who in 1975 created the Pet Rock, America's biggest selling "novelty gift", is involved in its development. Like the Pet Rock — a small rock cocooned in a padded carrying case — the Disk Protek is completely useless. But the Pet Rock became an American icon and has earned its inventors more than £1 million.

Computers alive!

SCIENTISTS are working on a generation of computers that rely on living brain cells to create a super-fast machine that could match its operator in intellect, according to a report published this week.

The field is called bio-electronics, and a report in *Signal magazine*, the official journal of the United States Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, says the research could lead to the development of artificial brains.

On the records

HIDDEN away on Radio 3 for the next two weeks is a series of ten 15-minute programmes examining how digital technology is affecting music.

Byte the Music — to be broadcast on weekdays at 5pm from Monday — will look at creative sampling, digital composition and even cheating. "When you buy a so-called live recording, how much of it is really live?" asks presenter Mike Edwards of the group Jesus Jones.

World television

MARTIN Bangemann, the European Union industry commissioner, intends discussing a world standard for digital television with America in talks next month. The EU intends to repeal a 1992 directive requiring precise transmission standards and replace it with more flexible rules emphasising wide-screen television, regardless of the standard used.

Crash questions

A COMMISSION has been appointed to find the precise cause of last week's Ariane rocket failure and recommend preventive measures.

The 63rd Ariane — the sixth to crash — was launched from the Kourou space base in French Guiana and plunged into the Atlantic, taking two *communications satellites* with it, after the third stage of *the rocket burnt only partial*ly. A turbo-pump failure through overheating is thought to be the most likely cause of the disaster.



Home help

A RETIREMENT home in California is to receive £3 million from a trust created in 1928 by the widow of Harlow Bundy, founder of IBM predecessor, the Computing-Tabulating-Recording Co.

The trust fund was set up for her son, Bruce, with a provision that the 100 shares of IBM stock would go to the home if he were left without heirs. The last family member died recently.

Added chips

COMPAQ Computer has named Advanced Micro Devices as a supplier of chips for its products, but emphasised that Intel will remain its primary supplier. AMD says the first delivery of its Am486 chip will start by Easter.

Less mobile

THE RISE in thefts of mobile phones has prompted mobile radio operator National Band Three to promote a new benefit for its products — they are much less likely to be stolen.

NB3 has about 40,000 subscribers, including couriers. "Calls" back to base or another mobile radio on the same system are free with subscription charges for national coverage starting at £39 a month for each handset.

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Downsizing offers businesses a range of computing solutions, **Jane Bird** says, if it is introduced properly

Breaking up is hard to do

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Builders John Laing downsized their computer system for flexibility. 'We wanted to devolve power,' says David Jones, technology director

John Laing, the construction group, has thrown out its vast, number-crunching IBM mainframes. Instead, the company has turned to a network of desktop personal computers.

When the company reviewed its computer systems two years ago, it realised that the bulky old head office machines were inflexible, expensive to run and focused all power in the central bureaucracy. David Jones, the group information technology director at Laing, says: "We wanted to devolve power to our individual businesses."

The company's activities encompass building homes, hospitals and motorway bridges. "These operate in fairly diverse ways," Mr Jones says. "A system that tries to be all things to all people could not be anywhere near as effective as one that let them use the appropriate software for their own business."

Hence Laing's decision to "downsize": to replace the mainframes with a network of distributed IBM and Compaq machines. This move is made possible because as computers become smaller, cheaper and increasingly powerful, it is no longer necessary to keep them all in one location. Tasks can be shared by smaller high-performance machines linked by a network.

Such a move may also increase the number of software options available, because a wide choice of industry standard applications are on offer for downsized systems. "Lots of people make the mistake of thinking that they have to retain some component of their old mainframe-based software," Mr Jones says. "They would do far better to move to brand new applications which are far better than what was previously available."

Downsizing is ideal for companies trying to reduce bureaucracy and devolve decision-making power. Today's high-performance PCs and laptop machines allow staff to access the data they need from their offices, customer sites and homes.

Downsized systems can also be much cheaper than their mainframe or minicomputer-based predecessors. Laing expects to save about £2.5 million a year in running costs, and estimates that from 1995 its downsized system will add between £2 million and £3 million to the group's annual sales.

Cost savings of up to 90 per cent have been claimed by organisations moving to downsized systems. Such stories have attracted companies that use computers on a large scale, many of which are under pressure to cut costs and from boardroom demands that information technology should deliver better value for money.

However, downsizing just to cut costs can be a risky business. Systems which may have a low price tag can end up being far more expensive to run. Instead of maintenance and engineering being based in one place, machinery must be serviced throughout an organisation. Moreover, networks are prone to breakdown, which can bring the business to a standstill.

Barry Graham, a consultant with Xephon, a consultancy based in Newbury, Berkshire, believes the average PC user spends two hours a week tending to a system or waiting for a response from it. PCs thus move the personnel costs from the data centre to the end user, something which tends to disguise the costs, which are absorbed into other budgets.

It also increases the total expenditure because more people are involved in identical "housekeeping" activities.

The increased complexity of downsized networks also causes problems. Moving centralised systems to distributed desktop PCs can involve completely rewriting vast tranches of the programming.

It has all caused some confusion, says Peter Slavid, the corporate systems business manager at ICL. "Downsizing seems like a wonderful idea. Instead of running one big system, we'll run several smaller systems. But people tend to forget that the smaller they get, the more you need, which can only make life more complicated. That is the basic problem."

> "It's more than a heart transplant. It's a whole body transplant"

This view is shared by Datastream, the financial information service, which is embarking on a complex downsizing exercise involving Hewlett Packard-based equipment.

Hugh Kearns, Datastream's operations director, says, "It's more than a heart transplant, it's a whole body transplant. You're not just talking about new equipment, but also about a new network, applications, training, the lot. It's like starting all over again."

An extended period of dry runs and practice routines are advised while the new system is developed — an approach that is particularly crucial with so-called "mission critical" applications. However, running the two in parallel increases maintenance and development costs still further. Suppliers have to be sympathetic to this problem, says Mr Kearns.

He suggests customers should ask whether they can delay payment for 18 months to two years while they develop their new downsized system. "Suppliers have got to offer this sort of carrot if they want their customers to proceed," he says.

Meanwhile, manufacturers of large-scale mainframes are making use of developments in microprocessor technology to develop special purpose parallel processors for high-speed database applications. If you really want economies of scale, it may be worth having at least one of these machines in your network.

Moreover, some applications do not lend themselves to being split up and subdivided — you might be able to fit the contents of a fleet of Minis into a juggernaut, but you cannot necessarily squeeze a juggernaut's load into a fleet of Minis.

Research from America suggests that the organisations which achieve most success are those that run a mixture of centralised systems and downsized PC-based networks.

PCs are ideal where users need lots of desktop processing or a graphical interface. Mainframes work well for intensive processing applications such as holiday bookings or flight reservations.

Customers should choose the best system for the job. If they end up quids in, they can think of it as a bonus.

Better to get it right first time

Not all the best things come in little packages. Although the idea of shifting applications off expensive mainframes on to cheaper PCs looks immediately attractive, it does not work in every situation.

Companies that produce larger machines have been alarmed at the way so many of their customers have been looking at downsizing, even when it is just not suitable. Instead, they are promoting "rightsizing".

"Downsizing is really a fashion trend which started in reaction to a very particular discrepancy in the pricing of technology," says Robin Bloor, whose consultancy, Butler Bloor, has recently published a report on the topic. "IBM mainframe prices became out of line with the costs of very powerful PCs.

"The other problem in this area is that all companies are trying to hit a moving target: technology is still changing rapidly."

> "We choose hardware which suits us and is best value"

Another argument used by those selling larger machines is that some of the new PC operating systems require large amounts of memory, thus sometimes limiting the size of the applications which can be run, or making it necessary to spend more on extra memory capacity. And for some companies, the data security offered by PCs running in networks is not adequate for certain sensitive applications.

Martin Davies, a managing consultant with Ovum, a research firm, says that working out how to distribute data across a PC local area network, and keeping a series of databases held on a number of servers in different locations up to date and consistent, is a tricky task.

It is in situations where PCs cannot handle the workload, or cannot run applications efficiently that rightsizing enthusiasts say the old-fashioned minicomputers and mainframes still have the edge. There is one important difference — Open Systems. Adopting universal standards, such as the operating system Unix, frees companies from the tyranny of proprietary systems and makes significant cost savings possible.

The National Grid company was formed three years ago. It needed to modify and develop its existing mainframe accounting systems in order to meet the demands of new methods of operation, and decided to choose linked Unix-based minicomputers around the United Kingdom, rather than undertake further bespoke mainframe development.

Since the company could not be sure exactly how the deregulated market would work, it needed to be flexible. Opting for a minicomputer-based system meant the necessary changes could be handled much more quickly and easily than with a centralised mainframe, while staff who moved from one office to another still found they were using exactly the same screen formats and reports. Andy Smith of the National Grid's financial systems group, says: "We didn't go for a PC local area network because the data requirements were too big, and the security was not there for us to do it in quite such a controlled manner.

"We are now free to choose whatever hardware best suits our needs and is the best value for money. We have two suppliers, IBM and Sequent, and we have seen cost savings. Software licence and maintenance changes are also much smaller than the equivalent on a mainframe."

Several other companies, including Barclays Bank and Trafalgar House, have also chosen to move mainframe applications on to Unix-based mid-range systems.

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Ready to score in America

A showpiece network will back the football World Cup, **David Hewson** says

The last phrase on the lips of visitors to this year's football World Cup in America will be " client server computing". But with a predicted 3.6 million spectators across America and a roving international press corps of 15,000, the World Cup will be the largest ever testing ground of a technology normally put to use in the office.

At the heart of the idea is a relatively simple notion. In the past, big corporate computer systems tended to consist of big mini or mainframe computers which fed a network of dumb terminals in a fairly rigid fashion.

With a client server system, the dumb terminals are replaced by desktop PCs or work stations that work intelligently as the "clients" of fast servers — data communications devices that disseminate information from the original mini or mainframe or, in extreme cases, replace it altogether.

The desktop is simply a standard industry PC or work station, capable of using everyday software or one of the many packaged applications now designed specifically for client server networks. So the new system should be faster, cheaper and infinitely more flexible than anything that has preceded it.

Eighty per cent of European companies want to implement such downsized systems but only 36 per cent believe that they understand what they are, according to Dataquest, a research firm. Client server systems are a big, but slightly mystifying, business.

Three of the companies in the downsizing business — Sun Microsystems work, a station manufacturer; EDS, a systems integrator; and Sybase, a database developer, — have teamed up to put their products and knowledge on the map during the World Cup events through a complex showpiece computing network spanning the world.

Richard Yanowitch, the vice-president of Sybase, argues that the system, so long as it works well, will put the technology of work station networks on the map. "It's clearly an attractive opportunity," he says. "If it succeeds, great. But if it doesn't, you can imagine how visible that failure will be."

With 52 games held over a month in nine different cities, this year's World Cup will be one of the most complex ever run. The organisers will need to track more than 3.5 million ticket sales and monitor and transport more than 27,000 volunteers throughout the event — on a system simple enough to use without specialised training.

The games will be run on 1,000 work-stations and 15 servers distributed throughout the nine cities. A teach-yourself touch screen at each games site will let journalists access real-time information to call up biographies, photographs and statistics on players and entire teams from a database organised by Fifa, the international football body, at the headquarters of EDS in Dallas, Texas.

The database will have a telecommunications link to Fifa headquarters in Switzerland, while a fail-safe system should mean that if any part of the network goes down the other servers on the network will keep it running.

When journalists receive their accreditation, an ID photograph of them will be filed on the database. This will then be used to print out local press cards at individual games for each writer. Volunteer staff will also receive photo ID cards, which will be automatically colour-coded to show which parts of the ground they are allowed to enter.

Sybase says that Europe is a growing market for the technology. Although hardware sales in Europe fell in volume by 3.4 per cent and software grew by only 9 per cent from 1992 to 1993, spending on client server systems rose by more than 30 per cent.

According to Jane Doorly, director of Dataquest, which surveyed more than 400 large companies about client server systems last year, "There is a general awareness that people have not had the returns on IT that they should have had in the past. What client server means is that you are looking to make the use of appropriate resources for the appropriate job."

Dataquest believes that the boom is being driven by two main factors, companies reorganising their businesses in the wake of the recession and the falling prices and escalating processing power of the equipment needed to run the new systems.

Ms Doorly says: "A lot of companies are really considering solutions where they are replacing the whole of their organisational computing system with client server. Frankly, we are quite a long way away from PCs having that kind of power. It is probably a good five years away."



Volunteers prepare for the complex information service behind the 1994 World Cup

Ways to solve a systems jigsaw

STEPHEN MARKESON



Barry Langford: a two-step conversion avoids pitfalls

Changing hardware can be a difficult enough decision, but ensuring that software developed for one of the larger machines will run on a smaller system is critical. The thought of immediate cost savings can be seductive. But there are many hidden, long-term costs to consider. The choice is not as obvious as it may appear.

A lack of flexibility and potential for upgrading, lack of space and the difficulty of communicating between software applications are given as the most common reasons for switching. However, the decision to downsize usually has more to do with new software applications and networking.

Client-server software sets up channels which direct information to the right people at the right time. The mainframe, or its much smaller cousin, the minicomputer, need not be scrapped. Instead, applications can be taken from them piece by piece.

Unlike conventional mainframe applications supported by IT professionals versed in the art, the client-server equivalent has become a much more technically complex beast managed by business people who view this form of computing as a jigsaw puzzle to be assembled without a guiding picture.

They worry that they do not have the skills to implement the technology. Often, they are right. An implementation must be business-driven to work efficiently, but a company's IT department has to be responsive to the requirements of its business users by properly managing new software development itself and delivering applications quickly.

William Hands, principal consultant and a software downsizing specialist from the IT practice of KPMG Management Consulting, says: "Whenever you replace any system that has links with others, you're opening up a can of worms. You might think you've created a quick and easy, self-contained solution, but very few are.

"Often, someone sees the opportunity of putting in, say, a new sales and marketing system on a cheap Unix box and then realises it has to interface with the company's existing systems to remain effective. Suddenly, the project becomes very much larger overnight."

Companies which benefit most quickly from downsizing their software are those paying a small fortune to maintain and run self-contained, packaged applications on their mainframe — often a manufacturing control or a ledger system.

According to Barry Langford, director of IT, logistics and distribution at Acco-Rexel, an ice equipment supplier, the way to get round some of the potential pitfalls associated with downsizing to a client-server world is to make the conversion in two steps. He says: "Make sure the basic system design is right at the outset. That means building up your technical skills. This can usually be done by training the staff internally." When the technical conversion is out of the way, the next step is to build in the system's bells and whistles.

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Mr Langford says: "Right at the start, there is a tendency to go out and ask users for things they'd like to see in the new application. Don't — you'll end up with a much larger project, which can easily get out of control."

But first, he says, you need to carry out a sophisticated audit of the existing system to ensure that it is technically capable of adapting to the new requirements of new technology and flexible enough to accommodate the business.

"It is a high-risk approach," he says. "But if you have the right technical people backing you up, and good project-management disciplines, you won't go far wrong."

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Striking out action after delay

Roebuck v Mungovin

Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Lowry, Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Slynn of Hadley

[Speeches February 3]

Steps taken by a defendant in an action causing the plaintiff to incur some additional expense were not an absolute bar to the defendant obtaining an order for the striking out of the action for want of prosecution. *County & District Properties Ltd v Lyell (Note)* [1991] 1 WLR 683) was wrongly decided.

The House of Lords allowed an appeal by the defendant, Michael J. Mungovin, from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Lord Justice Mann) who on March 31, 1992, had allowed an appeal by the plaintiff, Robert Clifford Roebuck, from Judge Taylor, sitting as a judge of the Queen's Bench Division.

The judge had dismissed the plaintiff's action for damages for personal injuries, loss and damage incurred in a road accident for want of prosecution.

Mr Piers Ashworth, QC, who did not appear below, and Mr Howard Elgot for the defendant; Mr John Toulmin, QC and Miss Anne Wakefield for the plaintiff.

LORD BROWNE-WILKINSON said that the accident had occurred on August 3, 1984. The writ had been issued on April 2, 1986 and the statement of claim served on April 23. On July 24, 1986, the defendant had served a defence admitting liability but putting damages in issue.

There had followed a long period, ending on May 3, 1990, during which the defendant had been seeking to obtain proper particulars, discovery and information as to the quantum of the plaintiff's claim.

It was now accepted that during that period of nearly four years the plaintiff had been guilty of inordinate and inexcusable delay that had prejudiced the defendant. There was no doubt that if in April 1990 the defendant had applied to strike out for want of prosecution he would have succeeded.

In April 1990, however, the defendant's former solicitors had at last received an affidavit giving specific discovery but still lacking any proper quantification of the plaintiff's claim.

On May 3, they had written to the plaintiff's solicitors a long letter seeking further information and documents. Further correspondence had followed.

On July 29, 1991, the defendant's solicitors had issued the application to strike out, which application had been served on October 2.

The Court of Appeal, reversing Judge Taylor, had held that letters sent by the defendant's solicitors between May 3 and November 12, 1990, had amounted to a representation that the defendant intended to proceed to trial, that as a result the plaintiff had incurred some expense and that the defendant was thereby barred from obtaining a striking-out order by his acquiescence in the earlier delay.

They had held that the plaintiff had been guilty of further inordinate and inexcusable delay after January 1991 but that, since the defendant could not show that such further delay had caused him any prejudice additional to that which he had previously suffered, the claim could not be struck out.

They had reached their conclusion with manifest reluctance but had felt compelled to do so by the Court of Appeal decision in *Lyell's* case and later Court of Appeal authority.

In *Lyell's* case, decided in 1977, the Court of Appeal had treated remarks made by Lord Justice Diplock and Lord Justice Salmon in *Allen v Sir Alfred McAlpine & Sons Ltd* ([1968] 2 QB 229, 260, 272) as laying down a fixed rule: whenever the defendant had induced the plaintiff to believe that the case was to go to trial, for example, by taking steps to move the case on, he must be taken to have made a representation that the action was to be allowed to proceed to trial and if the plaintiff had incurred more than minimal costs in reliance on that representation the defendant would be estopped from striking out the claim on the ground of the plaintiff's delay.

The many members of the Court of Appeal who had had to consider the point since *Lyell's* case had uniformly deplored the fetter on the court's discretion to strike out imposed by the "estoppel" doctrine.

The practical effects of the decision had been unsatisfactory. His Lordship had no doubt that *Lyell's* case had been wrongly decided and it should be overruled.

Where a plaintiff had been guilty of inordinate and inexcusable delay that had prejudiced the defendant, subsequent conduct by the defendant that induced the plaintiff to incur further expense in pursuing the action did not, in law, constitute an absolute bar preventing the defendant from obtaining a striking-out order.

Such conduct of the defendant was, of course, a relevant factor to be taken into account by the judge in exercising his discretion whether or not to strike out the claim, the weight to be attached to such conduct depending on all the circumstances of the particular case.

At one extreme, there would be cases like the present where the defendant's actions were minor, as compared with the inordinate delay by the plaintiff, and could not have lulled the plaintiff into any major additional expenditure: in such a case a judge exercising his discretion would be likely to attach only slight weight to the defendant's actions.

At the other extreme one could conceive of a case where, the plaintiff having been guilty of inordinate delay, the defendant had for years thereafter continued with the action thereby leading the plaintiff to incur substantial legal costs: in such a case the judge might attach considerable weight to the defendant's activities.

It was, however, for the judge in each case to decide what weight to attach in all the circumstances to the defendant's actions, and his Lordship trusted that in the future there would be few occasions on which the Court of Appeal would be invited to review his decision.

Lord Goff, Lord Jauncey, Lord Lowry and Lord Slynn agreed.

Solicitors: Wansbroughs Willey Hargrave, Leeds; Simpson Curtis, Leeds (since September 16, 1992).

Printing film can be an act of publication

Regina v Taylor (Alan)

Before Lord Justice McCowan, Mr Justice Scott Baker and Mr Justice Blofeld

[Judgment January 28]

The act of developing and printing photographic films depicting obscene acts, which were then sold or passed back to the owners for gain, was capable of amounting to an act of publication within the meaning of section 1(3) of the Obscene Publications Act 1959.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by Alan Taylor against his conviction in May 1993 at Bournemouth Crown Court (Mr Assistant Recorder R. Bond) on his plea of guilty to two counts of publishing an obscene article contrary to section 2(1) of the 1959 Act.

He was fined £150 on each count and ordered to pay £1,200 towards prosecution costs.

Mr Anthony Callaway, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Stewart Patterson for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appellant and his girlfriend were joint owners of The Christchurch Photo Centre in Christchurch, carrying out a variety of photographic and developing work including the development of private and personal material for which the appellant advertised in a number of photographic magazines.

In August 1991 the police executed a search warrant on the photo centre and seized a number of photographs. Two featured women engaged separately in obscene acts. Both women had actively sought to have the photographs developed for which they had each paid £3.99.

No argument was raised on the question of obscenity. The question for the court was whether the photographs had been published by the appellant.

Mr Callaway argued that as a matter of law a person was incapable of publishing an article to himself and in this case the customers remained the owners of the images which depicted the obscene acts. In order to constitute a publication within section 1(3) of the 1959 Act the prosecution had to prove publication to a third party.

The assistant recorder ruled that a film having been transmitted to the defendant's premises for processing, a negative was then produced and from the negative a print or prints made. The print was then returned with the negatives to those who took the film in the first place.

Something new was therefore created on photographic paper produced by the processing laboratory and in the context of the case the return of those prints to the owners constituted a publication for the purposes of the case.

Their Lordships considered that the analysis made by the assistant recorder in giving his ruling was accurate and appropriate and they were not persuaded by Mr Callaway's argument.

Solicitors: CPS, Bournemouth.

Publication of jury room secrets

Attorney-General v Associated Newspapers Ltd and Others

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Lowry and Lord Lloyd of Berwick

[Speeches February 3]

The prohibition in section 8(1) of the Contempt of Court Act 1981 against the disclosure of deliberations made by members of a jury in the course of legal proceedings was not limited to the disclosure of information by a juror but extended to a further revelation of that information by publication in a newspaper where the facts published were not already well known.

The House of Lords so held in dismissing an appeal by Associated Newspapers Ltd, Stewart Steven and Clive Wolman, respectively the publisher, the editor and a journalist of the *Mail on Sunday* from the order of the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Beldam and Mr Justice Tudor Evans) (*The Times* November 19, 1992; [1993] 3 WLR 74) (i) holding, on the application of the Attorney-General, that the appellants were in contempt of court under section 8(1) for disclosure in the *Mail on Sunday* dated July 5, 1992 of deliberations made by members of the jury in the Blue Arrow trial; and (2) imposing fines of £30,000, £20,000 and £10,000 on the publisher, editor and journalist respectively.

The article referred to accounts of three jurors as to how they had reached their decisions, contained comments by them on the evidence in issue at the trial and gave the opinion of one of them of a fellow juror. The information had been given to the journalist who wrote the article by a third party who had been in direct contact with the jury members.

Section 8 provides: "(1) . . . it is a contempt of court to obtain, disclose or solicit any particulars of statements made, opinions expressed, arguments advanced or votes cast by members of a jury in the course of their deliberations in any legal proceedings."

Mr David Pannick, QC and Miss Dinah Rose for the appellants; Mr Alan Moses, QC and Mr Philip Havers for the Attorney-General.

LORD LOWRY said that the question was whether the word "disclose", as used in section 8(1), referred exclusively to disclosure of information by a juror or signified disclosure generally, including both disclosure by a juror and, where the facts published were not already well known, publication by a newspaper.

Mr Pannick had accepted, as he had done before the Divisional Court, that, if "disclose" was to be given the unrestricted meaning contended for by the Attorney-General, a contempt was proved. But he submitted that the scope of section 8(1) could be either widely or narrowly interpreted and that in context the word "disclose" applied only to a revelation by a juror to another person and not to a further revelation by that person or by another person in his turn.

While conceding, frankly but also unavoidably, that what the appellants did amounted to disclosure in the ordinary sense of that word, he contrasted publication with disclosure and contended that "disclose" had here to be given a restricted meaning.

The cardinal rule was that words in a statute *prima facie* bore their plain and ordinary meaning. If that rule was applied without modification, then the appellants had disclosed the relevant particulars.

There was no conflict or contrast between publication and disclosure. The latter activity had many manifestations and publication was one of them. To disclose was to expose to view, make known or reveal and in its ordinary meaning the word aptly described both the revelation by jurors of their deliberations and further disclosure by publication in a newspaper of the same deliberations, provided always, and that would raise a question of fact, that the publication amounted to disclosure and was not a mere re-publication of already known facts.

His Lordship had looked in vain, first in section 8 and then in the other provisions of the Act, for a clue which might justify the imposing of a restriction on the natural meaning and effect of "disclose". Indeed, the concluding words of section 8(2) of the Act pointed away from the restriction contended for.

Still following ordinary English usage, he could find no principle which laid down that something which had been disclosed by A to B could not be further disclosed by B to C and by C, in his turn, to the public at large.

His Lordship might have been content to reject the appellants' case at that point but, having regard to the tenacious arguments presented to their Lordships, he would continue. It was said that a court should give such a construction to a statute as would suppress the mischief and advance the remedy and, in obedience to that maxim, words had often been given an extended meaning where the usual meaning did not achieve the obviously intended object of the legislation.

In this case, however, the Attorney-General did not need to go as far as that: he submitted that all he needed to do, in order to achieve Parliament's objective, was to prevent the ordinary meaning of the key-word "disclose" from being restricted. It was, of course, also true that general words might have to bear a restricted meaning if it was obvious that that must have been Parliament's intention.

The primary emphasis of clause 8 of the Contempt of Court Bill 1980 as introduced was on preventing publication of what had been said and done in the jury room. Accordingly, the mischief which was thought to need a remedy included publication of the forbidden particulars as well as their disclosure by individual jurors, which confirmed the plain and ordinary meaning of "disclosure" as the correct meaning in section 8.

Each party to the appeal had advanced arguments based on the supposed absurdity of the other party's interpretation. The appellants contended that the Attorney-General's construction would render in contempt the reader of a newspaper who communicated a part of its contents to a neighbour who was then unaware of what the paper had said.

That argument confused disclosure with re-publication and it was not at all persuasive. If an item had been published in the paper, it had become a matter of public knowledge and to describe the communication of that item of news as disclosure was a misuse of language.

Mr Moses, on the other hand, had submitted that it would be absurd, when the long deplored activity was the publication of the jury's deliberations, if only the offending juror and his confidant were amenable, while the publisher went scot free. The act of a juror might be innocent and innocuous, whereas the release of the prohibited information to the public was bound to be much more harmful, actually or potentially, to the administration of justice.

He had further argued that it would be strange if Parliament had hoped and intended to control the unwanted and harmful activities of powerful individuals and groups with an interest in the acquisition and dissemination of the prohibited information and the means to pay for it, if necessary, by merely enacting a prohibition and imposing sanctions on individual jurors.

One could instance the case of a jury-keeper who was told about or overheard the jury's deliberations. Could he not be guilty of disclosure if he revealed what he had heard to a newspaper? And were the newspaper's reporter and publisher immune if the deliberations were published? His Lordship scarcely thought so. So far as the test of absurdity helped to decide the issue, his verdict was overwhelmingly on the side of the Attorney-General.

In order to get home, the appellants had relied, as they had to, on the submission that "disclose" in its context was ambiguous, because it could refer either to disclosure by a juror or to disclosure through newspaper publication or by some other means.

The true view was that "disclose" described and included both, or all, kinds of disclosure. It was a comprehensive word.

The appellants had been guilty of contempt. His Lordship did not consider that interference with the appellants' fines would be justified on any ground.

Lord Keith, Lord Bridge, Lord Goff and Lord Lloyd agreed.

Solicitors: Mishcon de Reya; CPS Headquarters.

Advisory function

In re St Andrew's Church, Cheadle Hulme

The function of a diocesan advisory committee was an advisory one only; it was the responsibility of the consistory court alone to grant faculties.

Petitioners who had been granted a faculty concerned with a re-ordering scheme for a church on condition that nothing was done to the existing concrete font without satisfying the consistory court as to alternative provision of a font, should not, following discussions with the diocesan advisory committee, have removed and destroyed the concrete font without making any approach to the court.

Chancellor Harold Lomas so held in the Chester Consistory Court on October 19 when granting a faculty for the introduction of a moveable font and a confirmatory faculty authorising the removal from and destruction of the concrete font at St Andrew's Church, Cheadle Hulme.

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Caitlin Moran insists that all the best bands have no place in any movement or scene

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How a five-year-old song made the Proclaimers an unlikely hit in America



At last — a silver rose with real thorns

OPERA: Jonathan Miller's new staging at the Coliseum strips *Der Rosenkavalier* of some of its usual sweetness. **Rodney Milnes** applauds



DONALD COOPER

Sally Burgess as Octavian arrives with the rose: Jonathan Miller's new production updates the action of *Der Rosenkavalier* to the time of the opera's premiere

English National Opera's new *Der Rosenkavalier* is a Big Event. A co-production to be shared with Los Angeles, New York City Opera and Houston, it is directed by Jonathan Miller, returning to the house to which he has contributed so much after an absence of seven years. It will please neither traditionalists, nor those for whom an opera production is not a production without searchlights, machineguns and barbed wire. But it should delight and intrigue those who have always suspected that Strauss's opera is something more than a sentimental fairy-tale in fancy dress with a dangerously high sugar count in Act III.

The fancy-dress element — Hofmannsthal's imaginary 18th century, a red herring that has succeeded all too well in masking the dark side of the opera — is the first to go. Peter J. Davison's handsomely austere sets and Sue Blane's elegant, wittily detailed costumes place the action at the time of the premiere (1911), emphasising that the piece is a product of the Vienna of Schnitzler and Freud. The important class structure is far clearer, the protagonists easily "placeable" via their British equivalents: Ochs bursting into the Marschallin's boudoir in his tweed plus-fours and deerstalker, a cousin of the Scarlet Marquis complete with bully-boy attendants; the Marschallin a raunchy member of the Souls, accustomed to taking tea with Ettie Grenfell; Mariandel part Empire Theatre floozie, part *süsses Mädel*.

Sophie is out of a Tissot portrait, and Faninal's servants goggling at the Presentation of the Silver Rose are beautifully observed. Audiences with an interest in social history (or a passing acquaintance with BBC TV classic serials) will know exactly where they are.

Yet naturalism plays little part in proceedings. The team recognises that *Rosenkavalier* is as abstract as *Ariadne* or *Frau ohne Schatten*: the artificial framework is there to help investigate timeless minutiae of human behaviour from an ironical, bittersweet standpoint. Thus, the set for the Act III tavern is just that — a theatre set erected as it were within the Marschallin's bedroom, with bed, table, door and window in the same positions (as in the stage directions), underlining part of the third act's function as a satyr-play re-run of the first.

This carries any number of Hofmannsthalian cross-references in its wake. Ochs equals Marschallin, Mariandel equals Octavian equals Ochs, and so on. It is a pity that Miller changes the ending (no Mohammed), so eliminating its crowning suggestion of Sophie equals Marschallin.

All this is dashed interesting, and it will develop (maybe get funnier?), as all good *Rosenkavaliers* must. Miller aims for a dark reading of Ochs, a bit unfair since this honest, genial fellow is in many ways the hero of the opera, and the notion is somewhat undermined by the natural ebullience and charm of John Tomlinson, who sings the part quite magnificently. Perhaps Anne Evans's Marschallin, sung with outstanding musicianship and grace, could be a little tougher: she hasn't a moral leg to stand on in her Act III shoot-out with Ochs, and knows it, and can only cruelly pull rank.

But playing Octavian as a spoilt brat who grows up (a bit) works wonderfully, especially as Sally Burgess does it so vividly, though truth to tell this essentially soprano role does lie uncomfortably high for her sultry mezzo. Rosemary Joshua's sparkily sung Sophie is assured and pert in just the right way, Claire Powell succeeds as all Anninas must, and Maria Moll's vibrant Duenna nearly steals Act II. Some of the smaller roles are undercast, which they weren't last time ENO tackled *Rosenkavalier* (1975). Times change, and with them the strengths of the house's ensemble.

In his interview with Hilary Finch in these pages last week the conductor Yakov Kreizberg inadvertently (perhaps) let slip that he was given only three orchestral rehearsals for his first-ever *Rosenkavalier*. For most of the evening one admired what he and the players achieved in the circumstances, but by Act III matters started to go a bit awry: you probably need a whole session on the introduction alone. His overall reading was clear, steady, a little dogged; in the context of so hard-nosed a production he could with advantage get a bit of a move on (the sugar count rose dangerously towards the end). But this is a riveting evening, the first even half-grown-up *Rosenkavalier* in my experience.

TELEVISION REVIEW: Special Branch under surveillance

Fly on wall at the Yard

WHEN Thames TV's Thursday night factual series **Scotland Yard** (ITV) started a few weeks ago, fears were expressed that the punchy half-hour format would make it look too exciting. But as the weeks have passed, such fears have been allayed. Scotland Yard actually dices with dullness, in a manner quite refreshing.

Last week's instalment on the Obscene Publications Squad, for example, was a simple record of a successful child pornography case — from the routine seizure of a video, through the humdrum tracing of a car, to the eventual arrest of the villain. Sensational it wasn't. Nor was the well-written commentary self-important or alarmist. Unusually, the key to the programme's fascination was purely its authenticity.

But the problem with authenticity, in programmes about the police, is obvious. Access requires co-operation, and co-operation usually exacts a hidden price. As a viewer, one has no way of knowing.

Seeing inside the offices of Special Branch in last night's programme was less exciting than one had anticipated, although the access to chiefs was impressive. Inside B Squad, which deals with IRA terrorism, Commander Barry Moss spoke simply about the problems of surveillance — basically, that if you swoop on a suspect when he is innocently carrying a packet of cornflakes, you feel a bit sick. The point was banal, but it was good to have it from the horse's mouth.

Where does police intelligence stop and MI5 begin? The commentary wasn't specific, but it tactfully mentioned an abstract "view" (held by whom?) that "one national agency would be more effective". Meanwhile Deputy Assistant Commissioner John Howley (another big cheese) assured us that phone-tapping can be done only under a warrant from the Home Secretary, and that it is *not* performed by policemen because "they don't have the technical knowledge". So that's all right, then.

LYNNE TRUSS

THEATRE: Wedded to Benny Hill in Hampstead; divorced from reality in Scarborough

Comic marriage is far from happy

Dead Funny
Hampstead

THE gynaecologist is tired — and why not, considering he has performed five hysterectomies that very day? But his wife insists that they get down to the Wednesday-evening rituals prescribed by their sex therapist. Gloomily he removes his shirt, glumly he slips off his underpants, morosely he settles down on his back: while her hand slides down his torso. For a moment it looks as if we are about to witness something that has never happened before in public, even in Hampstead. But the doorbell rings and in rushes a distraught friend and fellow-member of the Comedians' Appreciation Society with, of all things, the news that Benny Hill has died.

The audience roared, as it often did during Terry Johnson's new play. But the moment was also a forewarning of dramatic problems to come. What is the author of *Hysteria* doing in *Dead Funny*? Did he set out to write a dark comedy about marriage and then, realising that this was not exactly a fresh subject, decide it might be more original if some of the wrangling spouses were Hancock, Hill and Howerd groupies?

Or did he want to satirise Hancock and Hill fans and, realising this might make for a thin evening, give them cataclysmic marriages? Either way, I persistently got the feeling that here were two incomplete plays less than successfully yoked together.

There is heavyweight stuff in *Dead Funny*, which is presumably why it has attracted the excellent Zoe Wanamaker, an actress capable of going 15 rounds with anyone. We believe her Eleanor when she says she will go stark mad if she is neglected for much longer by her gynaecologist husband, David Haig's Richard. But their friends Nick (Danny Webb) and Lisa (Beatie Edney) are in an even worse conjugal predicament. Midway through the play he admits to hating his wife's face, her voice and a child that, as he confides to Richard, cannot be his own.



Marital problems: Zoe Wanamaker, with David Haig as her husband

Well, Richard has just been seen humping Lisa by the same Hancock-and Howerd fancier (camp Niall Buggy) who earlier caught him embarrassedly scrambling to pull up his pants. Are our darkest suspicions of the doctor justified? Indeed they may be, which is why the play rises to a climax in which the food bought for a Benny Hill wake starts flying across the room to the accompaniment of raging words and clenched fists. It is not very funny. Given the emotions Johnson has sporadically summoned onstage, it is not serious enough either.

Perhaps he should have ditched the comedian-appreciation stuff altogether. That way, he would have lost a few nice comic moments but also many repetitious ones, and maybe ended up with a more plausible, searching play. I just, just managed to believe that a sophisticated gynaecologist might celebrate his wedding anniversaries by going to Little and Large shows. But I wearied of his wife's endless sneers as he and his chums launched into yet another Hancock imitation or Hill memory. Labouring the obvious is one thing, beating it senseless quite another.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Past master

Communicating Doors
Stephen Joseph, Scarborough

ALAN AYCKBOURN occasionally still writes a play that begins, say, in the morning and continues in the afternoon, and ends in the evening, where all these times belong to the same day, in the same year, and happen in the same place. *Man of the Moment* was a recent example.

But far more frequently he takes his characters backwards or forwards in time, or bothwards, or uses the same space to represent different places, or stitches different times together into the same time. Hitherto, so far as I recall, the jumps in time have been theatrical contrivances, ingenious four-dimensional jigsaws from our point of view, but fragments of ordinary life so far as the characters are concerned.

With his latest play, the 46th (in 35 years' writing), Poopay, a strutting dominatrix, hides in a hotel cupboard in 2014 and steps out into October 1994. She is fleeing from Julian (Richard Durden), the wicked business partner of Reece (John Hudson), who has murdered Reece's first two wives and is seconds away from killing Poopay because of what she knows.

The senile Reece, himself seconds away from a heart-attack, has written a confession of his business crimes and entrusted her with this dangerous document. So here she is, 20 years earlier, in the same room of the Regal Hotel, face to face with Ruella, Reece's still unmurdered second wife. Ruella, in her turn, will step into the same cupboard and emerge in 1974, interrupting Jessica (Sara Markland), Reece's first wife, on her wedding night.

Unlike the characters in his other jigsaw plays, the women here become aware that they are time-travelling. They are limited to one 20-year leap apiece, though Ruella wonders if a relay team might take them back to Shakespeare. To which Poopay comments, "Yeah. To be or not to be — pass it on."

The genre to which *Communicating Doors* belongs is as composite as the timescale — though Roger Glossop's set confirms my suspicion that hotel chains never change their fringed green sofas from one decade to the next. At first the play's style is indeterminable, packed, as it is, with plot data. Without Adie Allen's energetic display of streetwise fortitude, this opening scene would be tough-going. (There will be state registered brothels in 2014, by the way, even though Big Ben has been blown up and Croydon is at war with Lewisham.)

From this beginning the play becomes a thriller, and then a comedy thriller, on its way to an unexpectedly gracious ending. What Ayckbourn dangles before us is the old daydream that if we could only go back and change something (stop a murder, in this case), our lives might be different. A dead wife would still be living, for one thing, but also a man might be able to shed a life of crime. Significantly, the thinly drawn Reece and the security man (Nick Stringer), whose lives are both improved, do not change by their own effort, but through the enterprise of the women.

The gravity Allen shows developing in Poopay's character prepares the ground for a convincing transformation. The play does not show Ruella's development, but Liz Crowther creates a delightfully credible portrait of brisk impatience and panic.

Like any daydream, there is not much substance to take home afterwards, and perhaps Ayckbourn, who also directs, can only arrive at a happy end by way of fantasy. But he has not lost the knack of springing surprises, nor of making us suspend disbelief in the impossible.

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PERE GORIOT A father's self-sacrificing love for his unimpressed daughters. Geoffrey Beevers adapts and directs Balzac's great novel **Orange Tree**, Richmond (081-940 3633). Now previewing, 7.45pm

LONDON MOZART PLAYERS. Howard Shelley is the soloist and conducts a programme of Haydn's Symphony No 43 in E flat Major (*Mercury*), and Concerto in D Major for Piano, plus Mozart's Concerto No 13 in C Major for Piano, K415 **Parish Church**, Marketplace, Kingston (0372 843292) Tomorrow, 8pm

SOUTH BANK CENTRE. Two very different events are highlighted this weekend. The dazzling **CandoCo** is a company of eight dancers, three of whom use wheelchairs, featuring specially commissioned pieces by Siobhan Davies and Emilyn Claid. On Sunday, Roger Norrington conducts the **London Philharmonic** in a star-studded performance of Gilbert & Sullivan's *HMS Pinafore* **Queen Elizabeth Hall** (071-928 8800), tonight and tomorrow, 7.45pm. **Festival Hall** (071-928 8800), Sun 7.30pm

ELSEWHERE

EDINBURGH: A selection of French music from the 18th to the 20th centuries is on offer tomorrow evening from the **Scottish Chamber Orchestra**. The programme includes pieces from Rameau and Debussy plus Ravel's popular *Mother Goose Suite* and Berlioz's song-cycle *Les nuits d'été* **Queen's Hall**, Clark Street (031-668 2019). Saturday, 7.45pm.

OXFORD: The improvisational choreographer **Laurie Booth** performs his latest creation *River Run/A Lone* this Sunday as part of Dance Umbrella inspired by Joyce's *Finnegans Wake*, the piece incorporates sculptures by Turner Prize winner Anish Kapoor and music by Hans Peter Kuhn **Playhouse**, Beaumont Street (0865 798600) Sunday, 8pm

MANCHESTER: The **Northern Lights** festival continues today with two concerts by students of the Royal Northern College of Music, a lunchtime recital by the Wind Ensemble, to be broadcast live on Radio 3 and an evening concert of music by Bartok, Strauss and Maxwell Davies, given by the Symphony Orchestra under Paul Daniel. Tomorrow, the world premiere of John Casken's String Quartet No 2 is given by the Lindsay Quartet at Manchester University, where the composer is professor. And on Sunday, the BBC Festival of Brass. **Studio 7 Concert Hall** (061-200 2001). Today, 1.05pm, and Sunday 3.30 and 7.30pm. **RNCM**, Oxford Road (061-273 4504), tonight, 7.30pm **Manchester University**, Denmark Road (061-275 4982), Sat 7.30pm.

SWINDON: Mikhail Pletukhov joins Yuri Simonov and the **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra** for Ravel's Piano Concerto in G; plus performances of Berlioz's *King Lear Overture* and Franck's *D Minor Symphony*. **Wyvern**, Theatre Square (0793 524481). Saturday, 7.30pm.

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: All Human Life: Hulton Deutsch Collection (071-638 4141) **British Museum**: Demon of Painting: Kawanabe Kyosai (071-636 1555) . **Festival Hall**: Photographs of Sebastião Salgado (071-928 3002) **Hayward**: Roger Hilton and Julian Opie, to Feb 6 (071-928 8800) . . . **National Portrait Gallery**: Holbein and the Court of Henry VIII (071-306 0055) **National Gallery**: Claude, the Poetic Landscape (071-839 3321) **Royal Academy of Arts**: Art of the Ancient World; The Unknown Modigliani (071-439 7438) . **Royal College of Art**: John Minton (071-584 5020) . **Serpentine**: Wall to Wall (071-402 6075) . . **Tate**: Wrong on the Wall: women artists (071-887 8008) . . . **V&A**: Fabergé (071-938 8500)



Elastica: like all the most exciting bands, they sit and spin in a neon-lit private universe, and resolutely refuse to prop up bars with their peers

Better heard but not scene

Nothing good ever comes in waves: all the best bands go it alone, insists **Caitlin Moran**

At the moment, we need another scene like we need large wardrobes falling on our heads. The weekly music press would have us believe we are in the throes of "The Newest of New Waves" — well *obviously* we are not. The most exciting bands of the last six months — the Boo Radleys, Transglobal Underground, P J Harvey and Elastica — have nothing to do with any Musicians Collective. They all sit and spin in neon-lit private universes, transcribing the music in their heads and resolutely not propping up bars with their peers. Scenes are, in general, a comfort for lazy music journalists: they hinder the very bands they try to promote; and steps should be taken in Parliament *now* to stop such slack pigeonholing of spangly new talent.

Pulling on our glitter-struck moon boots and travelling back in time to various "scenes" over the past three years, we find that each and every one was a case of misplaced adjectives and nouns, which swamped the very talent they were supposed to promote. Stepping back to the grim dank recesses of 1990 we find the amusingly named "Baggy" movement: Happy Mondays, Stone Roses, the Charlatans, and Intastella. All apparently know each other intimately, advise each other on length of guitar solos, and share clothes and fridge-space freely.

The music press froths hyperbolic over their bad boy images and working-class roots, and ties itself up into ecstatically writhing knots over the danceable bass line and stoned grooves produced thereof. Many posters of pudding bowl haircuts and large gobs thereunder are printed up. There are glossy pull-out supplements.

The family-sized irony here being that while all the flash-in-the-pan Baggy hoo-hah was crashing its way through the media, acid house, the most important musical progression since punk, was happening completely unnoticed. The whole generation had reinvented a sculpting of their spare time, were busily digging out a new underground culture and defining the spirit of the moment. Meanwhile, over at Baggy Central, the Charlatans' single wasn't doing too well . . .



Four years later, Intastella are attempting to pedal their new single by bizarre gimmicks; the Charlatans are trying to make a comeback; Stone Roses appear to be so immobilised by the hype that surrounded their inception that their second album is still awaited, four years after the first one; and Happy Mondays, the most gloriously shambolic portable holiday to ever grace the Top 20, have split — after scandals, fights and backlash after backlash after backlash.

Following on from all the thuggery and blatant working class credentials that the Baggy scene has thrown up, most music journalists started craving the aural equivalent of a nice hot bath and a cup of Horlicks — and lo! Shoegazing was the result. A clutch of middle-class students with as many guitar-effects pedals as an American Express card could buy, and the tendency to stare bashfully at their shoes as they played, suddenly invaded the music business's consciousness. Ride, Slowdive, Chapterhouse, Pale Saints and Moose all gazed dreamily from cover after cover . . . a mess of wispy fringes and kissy lips and big cow eyes. "Our lyrics don't really mean anything," they explained, in page after page of interviews. "We don't really want to be categorised; we don't want to stand for anything. It's up to the listener, really, to decide what we're about."

Most listeners decided that what they were about was £12.99 a T-shirt, and a tenner a ticket. Streets suddenly spawned the impossible scene of huddled ranks of Indiekids, all wearing T-shirts that said "No Where" and "Today Forever" and "Isn't Anything" and "Just For Today". Because the music press was so keen to push the scene, bands were picked up on after their third-ever gig, and every embarrassed mumble in interview was picked up on and printed up as if it was one of the Ten Commandments.

Meanwhile, the Travelling Scene was getting bigger: with thousands of kids spending their weekends shuttling from rave to rave, and free festival to free festival. This was occasionally mentioned in the news pages of *NME*.

Shoegazing lasted a year, leaving those with a modicum of talent bruised but still breathing. Moose for now are a gentle country and western set-up; Ride have turned into a psychedelic Led Zeppelin; and Slowdive promise finally to release something decent.

So as night follows day, and vomiting follows six pints of snakebite, so did the very polite murmurs of shoegazing come to be overtaken by the primal wretching of grunge. Nirvana belched forth the horror and the gory, inherent in this trudge through sludge that is Life; and 3,000 pallid imitations in lumberjack shirts and torn jeans followed. Grunge kept the journalists happy for six months . . . then the infinitely pretty Suede seemed to be more fun. As a band could never rise to prominence without a scene (*obviously*), so the New Glam Scene was hastily cobbled together with bits of string, glue and such hopeless cases as Sweet Jesus and The Auteurs — the last of whom didn't have the vaguest sense of glamour, and who appeared so obviously shoehorned into the affair that the scene imploded after two months, leaving Suede to carry on as singularly wonderful as they had been before.

And so now right up to 1994, and the New Wave of New Waves has already been bandied around on several front covers. Supposedly consisting of Elastica, S*M*A*S*H and These Animal Men — all wildly disparate bands — it again smacks of journalists trying to departmentalise the ineffable, to carve open the living body of rock and find out how large its spleen is.

It is a needless waste of rainforest and ink — just another way of narrowing the scope of rock, ignoring the grand plan and the emotions. And of course, if the Scene is your thing, everything outside is unwelcome. Perhaps that is why the new-wave kick of Elastica has already had two front covers; and the giddy hip-swell of Transglobal Underground has been limited to small splashes of black and white on the inside pages.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
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■ **AN ABSOLUTE TURKEY**: Felicity Kendal plays a harassed wife and Griff Rhys Jones a frantic bachelor, in Peter Hall's most enjoyable production of Feydeau's *Le Dindon* **Globe**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

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■ **EDDIE IZZARD**: The man is back for another solo season of comedy and sharp good sense **Albery**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115), Mon-Sat, 8pm.

■ **THE SNIKER**: Caryl Churchill's latest: an ancient shape-shifter (Kathryn Hunter) bursts out of the Underworld and pursues two young girls. Strange, strong stuff. **National** (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Tonight-Tue, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

☐ **SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER**: Donald Sinden, Miriam Margolyes and David Essex in Peter Hall's revival of the evergreen Goldsmith comedy. **Queens**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

▣ **WILDEST DREAMS**: Ayckbourn's mixed hilarious despair with grim laughter as fantasy-game addicts come to grief **Pit**, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Tue, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm

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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

THE BLUE KITE. Tian Zhuangzhuang's powerful, beautiful study of one family's travails in post-war China. **ICA** ▣ (071-930 3647)

BODIES, REST & MOTION (15): A likable cast, but a hollow film about rootless lives. Michael Steinberg directs Bridget Fonda, Tim Roth and Eric Stoltz. **MGMs Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Trocadero** ▣ (071-434 0031) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

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LES VISITEURS (15) Crude, raucous time-travelling comedy, a huge hit in France. With Christian Clavier, Jean Reno. Director, Jean-Marc Poire **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148); **Plaza** (0800 888997) **Screen on the Hill** ▣ (071-435 3366) **Warner** ▣ (071-437 4343)

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THE AGE OF INNOCENCE (U): Scorsese's spellbinding, heartfelt version of Edith Wharton's novel about stifled love in old New York. With Daniel Day-Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer and Winona Ryder **Odeon Leicester Square** (0426 915683)

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POP ON FRIDAY: Auchtermuchty's finest march on ... grunge gets sophisticated ... no question mark over Therapy?

How Scotland got a love letter from America

What was it about a five-year-old single by the Reid brothers that touched the hearts and pockets of the big boys over the pond? The Proclaimers tell Alan Jackson all



A trace of Buddy Holly, a dash of the Everlys, but definitely their own men: Craig and Charlie Reid are the Proclaimers

When it comes to musical influences, mainstream Scottish groups appear destined always to look to the west, not the south. Yet while every Caledonian success story of recent times has been shaped by American rather than English musical forms, it has proved unexpectedly difficult for them to sell their carefully mined coals back to Newcastle, USA. Hue and Cry, Love and Money, the Big Dish, Danny Wilson ... each achieved the status of local heroes, in some cases as a result of expensive transatlantic recording sprees, but ended up either being dropped by their labels, or disbanding. Even the survivors — Wet Wet Wet, Simple Minds, Deacon Blue — have not found convincing fame in the land that fuelled their dreams.

It is perverse, then, that one of a mere handful of British acts to have broken the American market in the 1990s — and the decade is shaping up to be one in which we exert less international influence than at any time since the 1950s — should be characterised not by seamless soul pastiches or Steely Dan impersonations but by their very Scottishness. Brothers Craig and Charlie Reid, together the Proclaimers, smile in unison. "The irony hasn't escaped us," they say politely.

And how could it have? Fêted coast-to-coast last year when their 1988 single "I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)" made America's Top Three, they are "perhaps the greatest neo-nerdy, quasi-evangelical folk duo to come out of Scotland". Precision is all-important when *Entertainment Weekly* pays a compliment.

In the brasserie of Edinburgh's Balmoral Hotel, a venue so genteel that the fish and chips are served in a stain-free, computerised facsimile of newsprint, the two adopt expressions of cheerful bafflement when asked to muse on their experience of fame, American-style.

The unexpected happened after actress Mary Stuart Masterson took on to the set of *Benny and Joon*, in which she co-starred with teen hunk Johnny Depp, a copy of the Reids' second long-player, *Sunshine on Leith*. Suddenly all around her were going crazy over one particular track. In time, it became so synonymous with the project that it was featured over the opening and closing credits. The film itself performed modestly at the box office, but suddenly the song had wings.

> "Perhaps the greatest neo-nerdy, quasi-evangelical folk duo to come out of Scotland"

"I think there is always an empathy between people who, rightly or wrongly, feel they belong to a culture subjugated within their own country," says Craig of the close relationship between their self-referential narratives and those within such American traditions as country, gospel and blues. "Then there's that tendency towards melancholy that both the Celts and certain American races have. The Scots and Irish love melancholy — embrace it, wallow in it even. So do, say, the Appalachians. Hence you get songs about losing a battle or a woman, or the death of your child or even your hog. England doesn't have that same tradition, or the same songs."

But a second cultural force tempers their writing, lends it a certain pragmatism. "We've grown up on the east coast and I feel as Nordic as I do Scottish," Charlie says. "The Celtic approach can be very unfocused, but from northern Europe you get a clarity of vision — that rational, Germanic, Presbyterian thing. The two different strands are pulled together in us."

A kind of spirituality — that "quasi-evangelical" thing — then comes into play. "I'd say I was an almost-believer, although I wouldn't necessarily call myself a Christian," Charlie continues. "The belief in a higher power is over-riding in what we do, though, it's the single biggest element in the music we make and always has been. We wouldn't make the kind of records we are doing if we didn't have that."

Which makes the Proclaimers anything but a fashionable prospect. At the time the Reids joined the Chrysalis label in the mid-1980s, there was a small movement of similarly unglossy, trenchant British pop acts — the Housemartins, Billy Bragg, Easterhouse — but not even their own A&R man could have predicted hit singles at home and abroad. "I know that I wouldn't have signed us if someone had pitched the idea to me," Craig says. "But then we've never been of a mind to compromise. That's down to dogmatism, confidence, arrogance, the belief that it's not worth anything if you're not being yourselves. Our dad, a joiner, told us: 'Never work for a boss', and that stuck with us."

The two are careful to point out that, while not sublimating their Scottishness in the bid for a wider audience, neither did they play it up. If anything characterises the Proclaimers' often raucous distillation of country and western gospel, soul and R&B, it is a complete and utter lack of self-consciousness. Hence they have been able to create a modern folk music littered with personal reference points and idiosyncrasies, from the litany of Lothian place names included in their 1987 debut hit "Letter From America" to the quirky song titles that make up their forthcoming third LP — "Let's Get Married", "I Want To Be A Christian" and "Don't Turn Out Like Your Mother" among them.

"Why shouldn't we sing of our own environment?" they say. "It's never struck us as odd and it's certainly not brave. It's just us writing about our lives."

Both brothers accept the link between their own late flowering in America — *Sunshine on Leith* has now sold in excess of 1.5 million copies — and that market's considerable fondness for modern country music. To non-believers, the sound of the new Nashville is naive, artless, lacking in sophistication. But then, to non-believers the Proclaimers are a novelty act, jockabillies, their poetry and energy forever obscured by the mirror-image looks, the glasses, the absence of pretence. Neither fact worries the Reids.

"We accept that as inevitable," they say. "Ultimately, people can write what they like about us. As long as they print the name and, more especially, stick in a picture."

But one suspects it would be a matter of genuine annoyance if listeners were fooled by the burr and brogue into thinking it was some heritage-industry view of Scotland that was being celebrated. Wryly, the two note that they spent much of their youth in a town traditionally held up by journalist Sir John Junor as the embodiment of decency and sobriety. "MacDuff Place, Auchtermuchty — Scotland or what?" Charlie grins. "But though he presents 'Muchty as a symbol of the world as it should be — upright, righteous, Presbyterian — we know it to be different. And you write about what you know."

They are proud of the new album, titled *Hit the Highway* and delivered to their record company after a relative hiatus punctuated by personal upheaval — the break-up of Charlie's marriage, the birth of Craig's first child.

A far cry from the ersatz Americanisms favoured by most contemporary Scottish bands — "Why copy the originals when the originals are so much better?" — it makes no concessions to popular taste, with the result that the Reids will be delighted but surprised if they replicate the success of "I'm Gonna Be". "There's no point in trying to second-guess the market," they agree, before departing into the Edinburgh night.

● Hit the Highway *will be released on March 7. "Let's Get Married" is available next week*

NEW WAVES

Your guide to the sounds of tomorrow

Popular music is a broad church these days. Events, bands and entire musical movements that seem frankly disposable to one section of this church are frequently hailed by those in the opposite pews as the Apocalypse, the new Messiah or, at the very least, the best thing that ever happened in the whole history of the world.

Grunge is a case in point. A selection of fairly ordinary guitar bands from America were suddenly grunge, important and hugely successful. To my indifferent ears, the music made by **Soundgarden**, a well-established guitar, bass and drums quartet from Seattle, seemed even more dull and retrogressive than most of these over-rated acts. I shuffled them into a file marked "Do Not Consult" and turned to more useful matters.

But with the grunge backlash well advanced, Soundgarden have found something new in themselves to justify their earlier reputation as an inspiration to the market leaders, Nirvana.

For *Superunknown*, due to be released in March, the band have matched their playing abilities and maturity with the production skills of Red Hot Chili Peppers producer Michael Beinhorn.

Dedicated Soundgarden fans may regard this fourth album as just another brilliant moment in a glorious career, but for the rest of us, the qualitative leap is obvious. *Superunknown* is thick with good songs, all of them coated with a delicious toffee fudge guitar.

The introduction to "4th of July", for example, rolls out in dark treacle under Chris Cornell's gloomy vocal, while "Half" recalls the raga-rock of the late 1960s.

This experimentalism is counter-balanced by melodic metal in the Led Zeppelin tradition, and plenty of those out-of-control choruses that distinguish alternative metal from its less evolved relatives.

The quietly impressive sales — a million — of Soundgarden's last album may seem respectable enough, but with *Superunknown* the band could find themselves elevated to a higher and headier league.

DAVID TOOP

NEW ALBUMS: Pieces for the wicked as Therapy? open up their wounds

Nirvana for the damned



Therapy? — (from left) Michael McKeegan, Andy Cairns and Fyse Ewing — have concocted a dark masterpiece

THERAPY?
Troublegum
(A&M 540 196)

THERAPY?'s third album, *Troublegum*, is a series of short, sharp shocks administered with ferocious zeal. It's as neat as a karate punch and about as friendly. But despite the supergun volume and the stunning velocity which is maintained as 14 tracks are seamlessly crammed into 45 minutes of playing time, there is very little blurring of detail. Quite apart from the precision of the performances, which harness the aesthetics of punk to a level of expertise more commonly associated with funk or fusion, the album boasts a musical and thematic coherence that would put most "concept" albums to shame.

The trio, which was convened in a Belfast bar in 1989, remains virtually the only British act successfully to have picked up the gauntlet thrown down by Nirvana. Musically, the two groups are not that similar. Therapy? are louder and faster than Nirvana but, like their American peers, they have injected new urgency and a massive dose of personal angst into a heavy, guitar-rock formula that had otherwise gone stale.

But even by the standards of their previous albums, *Troublegum* is going it a bit. "The world is f****d and so am I" is, in a nutshell, the philosophy of singer, guitarist and songwriter Andy Cairns.

On track after track the lyrics are fuelled by an overpowering sense of self-loathing ("With a face like this I won't break any hearts," he sings on "Screamager") which leads quickly and inexorably to the album's principal theme: a morbidly fascinating journey to the wilder shores of insanity.

"Die Laughing", "Lunacy Booth" and "Knives" are typically sinister portraits of a dysfunctional mind, although the album's most chilling line comes in "Trigger Inside" when Cairns, referring to the notorious serial killer, sings: "I know how Jeffrey Dahmer feels: lonely."

Like a fairground ride, *Troublegum* is both exhilarating and sickening, as compelling as it is unpleasant. But the stark clarity of vision and boldness of execution make it a dark masterpiece.

TORI AMOS
Under the Pink
(eastwest 7567-82567)

TWISTING and turning, soaring and swooping, ebbing, flowing, coming, going: it's all in a minute or two's work for Tori Amos, a singer whose command of the histrionic gesture is such that, in full flight, she can make Meat Loaf sound about as animated as Chris Rea. Behind a voice that combines the slicing quality of a scalpel with the penetrative force of a battering ram, her piano arpeggios tinkle like little snow-bells in the upper register or else roar and rumble like approaching thunder on the bass keys.

Not known for the temperance of her lyrics, Amos explores new extremes of plain talking on "The Waitress" — "So I want to kill this waitress ... If I did it fast you know that's an act of kindness." No tip for her, then.

But elsewhere, as on "Space Dog", she allows her fondness for opaque, stream-of-consciousness verse to spill over into nonsense-speak: "Lemon Pie he's coming through our commander still Space Dog lines secure Space Dog" (add punctuation to taste).

But whether comprehensible or not, the songs on *Under the Pink* compare favourably with those of her 1992 debut, (the groundbreaking?) *Little Earthquakes*. A greater proportion have been arranged for a band this time, and although she has not lost her harrowing edge, she has marshalled her idiosyncrasies into a more pleasing variety of shapes, especially on numbers like "God", the lovably dippy "Past The Mission" and the hit single "Cornflake Girl".

KING'S X
Dogman
(Atlantic 7567-82558)

A TRIO of lean-looking desperadoes from Texas, King's X are one of the new breed of American heavy-metal warriors. Occupying a territory somewhere between the high-density grunge of Alice In Chains and the ultra-brutalism of bands like Helmet and Tool, they drive their amps like tanks through a jungle, yet manage to keep their eyes fixed firmly on the melodic compass at all times.

The result is *Dogman*, their fifth album, and one that bristles with huge, hammer-blow riffs and broadly accessible, harmony choruses despatched with supreme finesse and an unsparing vitality. More importantly it has the modern outlook missing from the recent work of their more celebrated contemporaries, Living Colour. For this, King's X owe a debt of thanks to producer Brendan O'Brien, whose previous credits include Stone Temple Pilots and Pearl Jam.

For a demonstration of the awesome musicianship on display, their live version of Jimi Hendrix's "Manic Depression" takes some beating. But it's not as if they are stuck for ideas of their own. From the slow, bluesy "Flies And Blue Skies" — one of several tracks in a more subtle, reflective vein — to the fractured, bottom-end riffing of "Human Behaviour" and "Dogman", this is a highly sophisticated exercise in the use of force majeure.

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	**Under the Pink**	Tori Amos (East West)
2	**Tease Me**	Chaka Demus and Pliers (Mango)
3	**One Woman — The Ultimate Collection**	Diana Ross (EMI)
4	**In Pieces**	Garth Brooks (Liberty)
5	**D:ream On Vol. 1**	D:ream (Magnet)
6	**Both Sides**	Phil Collins (Virgin)
7	**So Far So Good**	Bryan Adams (A&M)
8	**Elegant Slumming**	M People (deConstruction)
9	**Antenna**	ZZ Top (RCA)
10	**So Close**	Dina Carroll (A&M)

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Thoughtya Knew
(A&M 540 201)

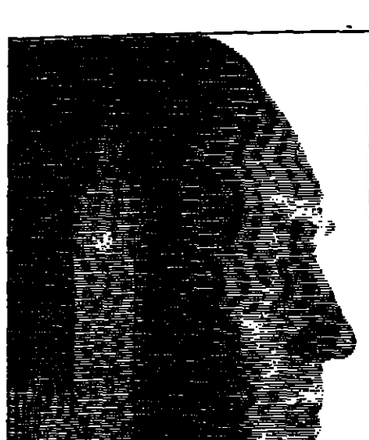
HER initial soaraway success as a 22-year-old, notching up three Top Ten hits in the first six months of 1992, has overfuelled expectations for CeCe Peniston's second album.

Peniston has a commanding range, as one might expect of a singer who claims Patti LaBelle and Minnie Ripperton among her influences. But her emotional scope is not so all-encompassing, and stylistically she is still casting around to find her niche.

To that end, it would seem, a small army of writers and producers has been recruited, from big names like Steve "Silk" Hurley, David Morales, Brian McKnight and Sir Jinx to relative newcomers like the Danish team Soulshock and Karlin. All have stamped a distinctive mark on their own tracks, but a rather bewildering array of fingerprints has been left on the album as a whole.

Peniston fares better the closer she gets to the middle of the dance floor. So while she is never less than polished on smoochy ballads like "Whatever It Is" and "Forever In My Heart", it is the house groove of "I'll Be Hit", with its killer four-on-the-floor bass drum sound, and the swingbeat-funk of "Give What I'm Givin'" that coax the most authoritative performances from her.

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Athletics enquiry must be thorough

Barrister needed to probe charges against Norman

BY DAVID MILLER

IN A recent series on leadership in British sport, *The Times* suggested there was room for substantial all-round improvement. Much that has happened since, in only a few weeks, has confirmed that view, most of all the handling by the British Athletics Federation (BAF) so far of the serious and sensitive allegations concerning Andy Norman, their chief promotions officer.

The Football Association's conduct of their appointment of a new England team coach was straight out of *Charlie's Aunt*. In rugby, it has required a member of the public to bring to police notice the violence in the Wales-Scotland match. The part-time minister of sport seemingly made no attempt to inform any of the relevant administrative bodies what was the government's policy — if it indeed it has any policy — towards a possible candidate host city for the Commonwealth Games.

The Central Council of Physical Recreation, confirming that it has not only no power but is short of common sense, has protested through its general secretary that the press has made an unnecessary fuss regarding Norman's alleged harassment of Cliff Temple, *The Sunday Times* athletics correspondent, who committed suicide on January 8. Peter Lawson rashly asserted that press allegations were "innuendo and without substance".

It is because Norman's behaviour, on first-hand journalistic evidence, is open to criticism, that Menzies Campbell QC, the Liberal Democrat MP, and Lord Howell, a former minister for sport, have strongly advocated that an enquiry by the BAF should not be internal but independently chaired by a barrister. I believe this is imperative for several reasons.

Firstly, the BAF does not have sufficient experience or competence to ask the right questions and perhaps challenge the answers in an enquiry such as that which is now necessary. A coroner's enquiry in Folkestone, Temple's home town, is, moreover, adjourned while awaiting the outcome of the athletics enquiry.

It is essential that a barrister should chair the BAF enquiry so that it may be seen to be neutral, dispassionate, and objective. However hard Pro-



Norman: powerful figure

fessor Peter Radford, the new executive chairman, and his colleagues might try, they cannot be wholly neutral when questioning Norman. Some owe their position to him. A neutral chairman would ensure the enquiry's integrity and the reputation of the BAF.

The BAF enquiry needs to detach itself from the impassioned attitudes understandably expressed by some of Temple's colleagues.

It should be legally sound, neither a kangaroo court nor an internal whitewash. The BAF is not dealing with hearsay and has a duty to protect the reputation and dignity of a dead man.

It is equally important for athletics that Norman is given a dispassionate hearing and, therefore, encouraging that Radford should say yesterday that it remains possible for the enquiry to be independently chaired. The BAF management board meets today and the full council tomorrow.

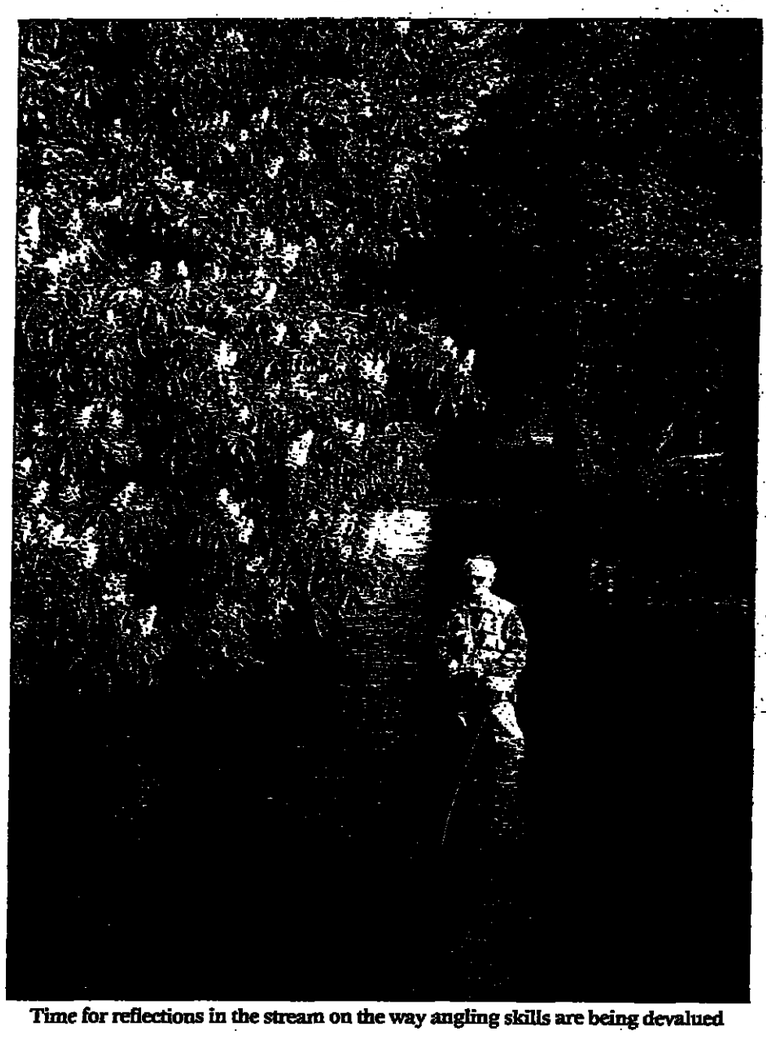
The BAF is anxious, of course, for an internal enquiry to prevent the public airing of misconduct that could be damaging to its financial interests and relationships with sponsors, an area intimately governed by Norman. However, the BAF behaved with such timid indecision when dealing with the original complaint against Norman last December, that many, even within the sport, have no confidence in the authority of another internal enquiry.

It is true that leading sponsors of athletics are getting cold feet and, were Norman to be dismissed, the BAF would unarguably lose the immense capabilities of an experienced man. But the situation has gone way beyond the matter of self-protection. The BAF will regain trust and respect only by facing its embarrassment openly and ensuring that the facts are properly discerned. Any element of remaining secrecy will do further damage.

Continuing publicity is unfortunate for Temple's family. It is better for them, however, for the ultimate peace of mind of his children, that the air is cleared. No enquiry can ever reveal why Temple, who was burdened by many pressures, took his life. Unresolved, random vilification of Norman benefits no one.

Overkill among the undergrowth

Brian Clarke calls for more sparing use of the chainsaw on the banks of British rivers



Time for reflections in the stream on the way angling skills are being devalued

Winter is a bad time of year for the competent fly fisher. It is the close season, the time when keepers and owners are "working on the river" and "improving the fishing".

Too often, both terms are synonymous with manicuring the banks and removing trees or shrubs and with sawing off overhanging branches. Too often, the aim is to make the fishing easier. A tree or shrub is felled to give access to a piece of water where exceptional trout lie. A branch is trimmed so that an angler's fly does not snag.

And that, too often, is as far as the thinking seems to go. It takes little account of the needs of fish or the reasons why exceptional trout might find a tree attractive. It takes little account of the need of many anglers to have their skills — such as they may be — sorely tested from time to time. Its practical effect is to take the natural edge off the fishing. Its logical conclusion is to reduce the skill level.

The pattern is familiar. Overhanging trees, especially those on the outside of a bend with deep water beneath them, often attract or nurture big fish because they provide shade and a sense of security. Just as important, they provide protection from an angler's casts and keep his harassing figure at bay. They provide resting places where aquatic insects can alight until they are ready to mate and return to the water. They harbour caterpillars and beetles that sometimes fall into the stream.

As a consequence, fish idling beneath trees usually live stress-free, food-filled lives. They are often confident enough to feed at the surface when trout elsewhere are burrowing into the weed.

The ebbing ring that each rise makes can often be seen far away. Even if it cannot, the sippings and slurpings can be heard all about. And so the big fish beneath the tree or the branch becomes a known feature of the river; a target, but an unattainable target for many. Frustration sets in. Pressure mounts to have the tree or the branch removed so that this exceptional surface-feeding fish, may be cast to; or to have the obstructive branch, with its glinting tracery of broken nylon and destroyed ambitions, cut back. And one winter, it is.

Come the new season, wonderfully clean casts can be made to the spot where the great trout lived; but the fish is rarely caught because it has moved away. The tree had been the reason for its presence in the first place.

In due course, the great fish may be found in another, more accessible place, and caught with a cast more easily made. Someone will be satisfied. The man or woman who rejoiced in the challenges that the tree or branch presented loses out.

Removing the obstruction also removes some of the attraction from the fishery. A tree is not only a keeper-in of shawled secrets, it is an aesthetic thing. Removing first one and then another and another as the seasons pass can, and frequently does, lead to banks that have about them an unnatural nakedness. This has happened on several pieces of water that I regularly fish and, indeed, characterises long reaches of major fly fishing rivers.

An awkward tree or branch left in place has other advantages. It encourages fieldcraft and wristy skills. It not only screens the fish from the angler but the angler from the fish. The creeping and crawling, the bobbing and weaving required to find a place from which an improbable cast might be made provide some of fly fishing's deepest satisfactions, carrying twentieth-century man back to the forest and glade; to an age when fishing was a means of survival.

Such moments also, in the wide-eyed intensity and excitement of the stalk, legitimise a return by grown men to childhood; taking them back to short-trousered days. Indeed, it is to this absorption, this legitimised return to roots, that angling owes much of its extraordinary appeal.

Within the whole of angling, no specialisation is more constrained and absorbing than fly fishing. In almost all other branches of the sport, natural baits are used. These other branches of angling demand high skills but they are skills designed to persuade fish to eat what they normally eat.

In fly fishing, natural baits are not used. The flies that anglers employ — the most interesting of them, anyway — are imitations of real insects and the name of the game is deception. In opting for the artificial fly made of fur and feather, restraint is the fundamental premise.

And yet still too many see the first bankside essential as being to abandon restraint; to so clear and manicure and sculpt that there is no bolt hole for the fish.

This is not a plea for fly fishing to be made the preserve of masochists or Olympian performers, or for it to be reduced to a form of combat with an encroaching jungle. It is to say that in the management of waters where a range of skills needs to be given expression — and that means the vast majority of waters — a sense of balance is needed and yet is too rarely achieved.

In winter, too often, the saw and the axe hold sway.

Doubts remain over stadium

BY JOHN GOODBODY

MANCHESTER'S short-term delight that it has been nominated as England's candidate for the 2002 Commonwealth Games may soon be tempered by a long-term concern of how the new national stadium in the north will be financed.

A 65,000-seat venue in east Manchester is more than adequate for staging the athletics and the opening and closing ceremonies of the Games. However, the real question concerns the use of the stadium after the event.

"It is in no man's land as far as size is concerned," Trevor Phillips, commercial director of the Football Association, said yesterday. "It is too big for a club stadium and too small for a national stadium to hold showcase events like major internationals and cup finals." Although Phillips regards the stadium as "not ambitious enough", he is nevertheless pleased it will be built at an estimated cost of £175 million, using £72 million of government money. £40 million of private finance and the remainder expected from the millenium sector of the national lottery.

This is because the FA's contract to stage internationals, the FA Cup final and the Charity Shield at Wembley expires in 2002 and it could bargain to move some fixtures north. The FA's relationship with Wembley is "strained" because the stadium takes 28 to 32 per cent of gate receipts, 25 per cent of television revenue and all proceeds from catering, car parking, perimeter advertising and programmes. A new stadium strengthens the hand of the FA in future negotiations.

Last year, Wembley stadium, which holds 80,000 people, staged 22 leading sports events, which attracted a total of 1.3 million people. There were eight pop concerts and also three greyhound meetings a week. However, the stadium is still making only a small profit, despite being able to share overheads with the rest of the Wembley complex.

One wonders how a Manchester stadium will begin to break even financially, especially since the private companies putting money into the venue will want some return on their capital and the local authority is not subsidising it. The FA is unlikely to move many of its prestige events north, partly because the venue is smaller than Wembley and partly because, for foreign teams, Wembley remains a tremendous attraction. There is also enough pressure on cup final tickets already without staging the match in a stadium with 15,000 fewer seats.

Manchester City, the football club which is in financial trouble and must still renovate Maine Road to comply with the Taylor Report, is considering a possible move to the new stadium. However, when a feasibility study was conducted for a large stadium outside Birmingham as part of its Olympic bid, the conclusion was that it was only viable if two clubs shared the ground and it also attracted the leading matches being staged at Wembley. In any case, Manchester United will not move from Old Trafford, which has a capacity of 45,000.

Ogden Entertainments Services, the world's biggest facility-management corporation, is interested in the new Manchester stadium. Hamish Clifton, a senior European executive, insisted: "It will not be a white elephant. We will encourage new events." However, he accepted that new events would not "make up for core usage". The question is: what will the core usage be?

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8. A description of the system of electric lines and electrical plant by means of which the applicant intends to supply electricity, indicating which plant and lines are to be constructed and which are existing plant and lines, and further identifying any parts of that system which will not be owned by or otherwise in the possession or control of the applicant.
Lines and Plant owned by:

National Grid Company plc
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East Midlands Electricity plc
London Electricity plc
Manweb plc
Midlands Electricity plc
Northern Electric plc
Norweb plc
Seeboard plc
Southern Electric plc
South Wales Electricity plc
South Western Electricity plc
Yorkshire Electricity plc
National Power PLC

9. A statement of the extent (if any) to which the applicant considers it necessary for powers under Schedule 3 (compulsory acquisition of land etc) and under Schedule 4 (other powers etc) to the Act to be given through the licence for which he is applying.
All powers of acquisition of land etc and all other powers available under schedules 3 and 4 to the Act necessary to carry out activities under licence as a supplier of electricity within the areas defined.

10. Details of any licences held, applied for or being applied for by the Applicant in respect of the generation, transmission or supply of electricity.
Generation Licence
Second Tier Licence

In compliance with the Electricity (Applications for Licences and Extensions of Licences) Regulations 1990, maps relevant to the above application have been lodged at Regional Offices of the Office of Electricity Regulation and are available for inspection by the public between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on any working day.

M.G. Herbert, Company Secretary and Solicitor of National Power PLC of Windmill Hill Business Park, Whitehill Way, Swindon, Wiltshire SN5 6PB.

LEGAL NOTICES

KINGSWAY FURNITURE (BASINGSTOKE) LIMITED
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VISIONRACE FINANCIAL LIMITED
STAYFORD INVESTMENTS LIMITED
OPALSAFE FINANCIAL LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that meetings of creditors of the above named companies will be held at the Sherlock Holmes Hotel, 108 Baker Street, London W1 on Thursday, 10 February 1994 at 1000 hrs for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Mr Raymond Hocking of Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above companies and will furnish creditors free of charge with such information concerning the companies' affairs as is reasonably required.
Dated: 28 January 1994
By Order of The Board
K R Clarke, Director.

KINGSWAY FURNITURE (MAIDSTONE) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of creditors of the above named companies will be held at the Sherlock Holmes Hotel, 108 Baker Street, London W1 on Thursday, 10 February 1994 at 1000 hrs for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
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Dated: 28 January 1994
By Order of The Board
V Peel, Director.

KINGSWAY FURNITURE (DARTFORD) LIMITED
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Mr Raymond Hocking of Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above company and will furnish creditors free of charge with such information concerning the company's affairs as is reasonably required.
Dated: 28 January 1994
By Order of The Board
G Atkin, Director.

No. 00164 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
In the Matter of
ELLIS & EVERARD (OVERSEAS) LIMITED
and
In the Matter of
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 11 January 1994 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company by £2,845,385 from £36,486,681 to £33,941,296.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 16th day of February 1994.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of any order for the confirmation of the said Reduction of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this 24th day of January 1994.
Hammond Suddards
2 Park Lane, Leeds, LS3 1ES
(Ref: ADP/CNR/ELL 68-1)

No. 009698 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
MR REGISTRAR BUCKLEY
WEDNESDAY the 19th Day of January, 1994
IN THE MATTER OF ROYAL DOULTON plc
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 19th January, 1994 confirming the reduction of the share premium account of the above-named Company by £5,046,823 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 21st January, 1994.
Dated this 4th day of February, 1994.
Macfarlanes 10 Norwich Street, London EC4A 1BD
(Ref: JRSD/568947/81863)
Solicitors for the above-named Company

Mechanical Services (South West) Limited
Registered number: 1886975.
Nature of business: Electrical and Plumbing. Trade classification: 27. Date of appointment of administrative receiver: 28th January 1994. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver: Lloyds Bank plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: K.P Barry, FCA and K.D. Goodman, FCA (office holder nos. 5741 and 2407) of Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 583, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF.

KINGSWAY FURNITURE (SWINDON) LIMITED
GOLDBLADE FURNITURE LIMITED
KINGSWAY FURNITURE (TOOTINGS) LIMITED
KINGSWAY FURNITURE (LEEDS) LIMITED
ENVERLINE LIMITED
VISIONRACE TRADING LIMITED
KINGSWAY FURNITURE (POOLE) LIMITED
KINGSWAY FURNITURE (SALESBURY) LIMITED
KINGSWAY FURNITURE (BOGNOR REGIS) LIMITED
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Mr Raymond Hocking of Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above companies and will furnish creditors free of charge with such information concerning the companies' affairs as is reasonably required.
Dated: 28 January 1994
By Order of The Board
P S Briant, Director.

No: 322 OF 1993
IN THE ASSIZE COURT
COUNTY COURT
IN BANKRUPTCY
RE: ROGER CLIFFORD MORRELL PILGRIM
TO: ROGER CLIFFORD MORRELL PILGRIM lately of Commonside, The Common, Great Kingshill, High Wycombe, Bucks, HP15 6EN, formerly a Solicitor.
TAKE NOTICE that a Bankruptcy Petition has been presented against you to this Court by H.M. Customs & Excise of Lithgow House, St Ebbes Street, Oxford, OX1 1QA and the Court has ordered that publication in the London Gazette and The Times newspaper of the presentation of such Petition and the time and place fixed for hearing the Petition shall be deemed to be good and sufficient service of the said Petition on the above named Debtor on the 7th day after publication as aforesaid.
The said Petition will be heard on: Date: The 7th day of March 1994. Time: 10.15 am. Place: Second Floor, Heron House, 49 Buckingham Street, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.
IMPORTANT. If you do not attend the Hearing of the Petition the Court may make a Bankruptcy Order against you in your absence. The Petition can be inspected by you on application at this Court, whose offices are at Second Floor, Heron House, as above.
Dated the 21st day of January 1994.

CANTERBURY PARK LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of Creditors of the above named company will be held at The Tickled Trout Hotel, Preston New Road, Samlesbury, Preston on Thursday, 17th February 1994 at 11.30 a.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Notice is further given that Richard Ian Williamson A.C.A., of Campbell Crossley and Davis, 348/350 Lytham Road, Blackpool, FY4 1DW is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors free of charge with such information as they may reasonably require pursuant to Section 98(2)(a).
Date: 31st January 1994
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Morton Graham, Director

OFORM ASSOCIATES LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)
Take notice that the undersigned, Alan David Kensington & John Charles Heath of Nelson Wells, 4-8 Tabernacle Street, London, EC2A 4LU, were appointed Joint Liquidators of OFORM ASSOCIATES LIMITED, by a resolution of a meeting of the company's creditors held on the 21st day of January 1994.
Dated this 27th day of January 1994
A D Kennington,
Joint Liquidator.
J C Heath, Joint Liquidator.

Thermal Technology Limited
Registered number: 1688251.
Nature of business: Manufacture & Retail of Thermal Products.
Trade classification: 11. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 25th January 1994. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Lloyds Bank plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: K.P Barry, FCA and K.D. Goodman, FCA (office holder nos: 5741 and 2407) of Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 583, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF.

INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
Rule 4.106(1)
SNAPPERHAND LIMITED
In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ian Franses, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Ian Franses Associates, Conduit House, 24 Cornhill Place, London W2 1EP was appointed Liquidator of the above-named company on the 11th January 1994.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to Mr Eric Payet at Cornhill House, 24 Cornhill Place, London W2 1EP.
I Franses, Liquidator.

Thermal International Holdings Plc.
Registered number: 780768.
Former company name: Westcroft Investments Limited.
Nature of business: Manufacturers & Retailers of Thermal Products. Trade classification: 11.
Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 25th January 1994. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Lloyds Bank plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: K.P Barry, FCA and K.D. Goodman, FCA (office holder nos: 5741 and 2407) of Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 583, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF.

WEST COAST VIDEO DUPLICATING (UK) LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)
Formerly Traded at Unit 8, Conton Court, Porters Wood, St Albans, Herts AL3 6PB
Notice is hereby given that I intend to declare a dividend to the unsecured creditors of the above named company within a period of four months from the last date of proving.
The last date for receiving proofs is 28 February 1994.
Proof of debts should be lodged with the Liquidator, C C A Morphitis of Cass & Dalgleish, 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH.
Dated: 1 February 1994
C C A Morphitis, Liquidator

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - The Betty May Grey Charity, Greater London
The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this Charity. A copy can be seen for the next month at 8th Floor, Royex House, 6 Aldermanbury Square, London EC2V 7HD (or SEP), or a copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban Hooper, 87-90 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX, quoting reference number 216,332 A/1.

GREAT AMERICAN PICTURE HOUSE LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of Creditors of the above named company will be held at The Tickled Trout Hotel, Preston New Road, Samlesbury, Preston on Wednesday 16th February 1994 at 11.30 a.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
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Dated: 31st January 1994
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Gertrude Ann Errington, Director.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - Cotton Chair of Biochemistry in connection with the Royal College of Surgeons of England
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX quoting reference DGY-212508-LAG-LDN. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

NOTICE.
REVERTER OF SITES ACT 1987
EXTINGUISHMENT OF RIGHTS
NESTON COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL
WHEREAS:-
1. By a Deed of Grant dated 31st December 1962 and made between The Rt Hon Frederick Henry Paul Lord Methuen, Baron Methuen, Lord of the Manor of Corsham, Wilts (1) The Rev'd Thomas Clark Brettingham, The Rev'd Wadham Pigott Williams and John Whittington (at the request and by the direction of Thomas Macie Leir) (2) and The Rev'd Joseph Abbot, George Tugwell and Aaron Pinnock (3) the site of what became known as the Neston County Primary School, together with its teacher's house, was granted to the Vicar and Churchwardens of the Parish of Corsham and their successors as trustees pursuant to section 2 of the School Sites Act 1841.
2. The said school premises ceased to be used for the purposes of a non-provided public elementary school in 1993 and pursuant to section 1 of the Reverter of Sites Act 1987 a trust for sale will arise in respect of the said school premises after they cease to be used for the purposes of a school.
3. The said teacher's house ceased to be used for that purpose at some time before its sale in 1980 and a trust for sale may have arisen in respect of the net proceeds of such sale.
NOW TAKE NOTICE THAT:-
1. The Diocese of Bristol has made application to the Secretary of State for Education for the inclusion of the above named school and the net sale proceeds of its former teacher's house in a future order under section 2 of the Education Act 1973. The purpose of the order is to allow the assets of the foundation to be used for the benefit of new and continuing schools of the same denomination within the Diocese. The same order will extinguish the rights of any beneficiary under any existing or future trust for sale.
2. Any beneficiary who wishes to oppose the extinguishment of his rights should notify his claim in writing to Messrs Osborne Clarke, Solicitors, of 30 Queen Charlotte Street, Bristol BS99 7QQ, quoting reference 88/27508, no later than 3 months from the date of publication of this notice.

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Select an England XI and win a trip to see the Christmas Test in Melbourne

Name your side to triumph in the West Indies

HOW many times have you wanted to be an England cricket selector? Starting today, *The Times* offers readers the chance to be just that. Will Michael Atherton succeed where no other touring captain has done for 21 years? Will Graeme Hick finally overcome his big-match nerves? Will Philip Tufnell or Ian Salisbury spin a surprise?

In *The Times* 1st XI game, you can pick the team you would like to see and measure its performance by the players' real statistics which will be published after every international match in *The Times*. Whether you enter for your own satisfaction or to pit your selection skills against friends or colleagues, the game should add to the excitement of what should be a memorable series. And for those who prove the best at 1st XI cricket, there will be some memorable prizes, including the trip of a lifetime to see England play Australia in the Christmas Test at Melbourne.

The aim of the game: Readers are invited to pick their England cricket XI from the party in the West Indies and estimate the players' individual performances in the five one-day internationals and five Test matches of the tour. The winner of the game will be the person whose predictions are closest to the actual performances of his or her selected eleven players in all ten matches.

The prize: Win the trip of a lifetime for yourself and three family members or friends to see the Christmas Test match between Australia and England, which begins in Melbourne on December 24. We will provide flights, hotel accommodation for two weeks in Melbourne and tickets to each day of the Test match.

Twenty runners-up will each receive a pair of tickets to one of England's six Test matches against New Zealand and South Africa this summer. Full details of this prize will appear next week in *The Times*.

What to do: Simply study the 17 names of the England tour party printed on the 1st XI bat. You may like to refer to their Test and one-day averages, with their records against West Indies, which are also provided below. Then select your XI, bearing in mind that you must pick six from the batsmen category, and four from the bowler category. You must also pick one of the wicketkeepers, Stewart or Russell, and designate him as wicketkeeper. You may pick both players in your team as batsmen but only one can be designated as wicketkeeper and, when you telephone your entry, **you will be asked for your wicketkeeper selection first.** You may not pick any player twice.

For each of your eleven players, you will be asked to give your predictions of the total number of runs they will make in the international matches (five Test matches and five one-day internationals, which allows a maximum of 15 innings), and then the total number of wickets they will take.

In the case of the designated wicketkeeper, catches and stumpings will count as wickets. When you call *The Times* 1st XI number, you will be asked to express each selection numerically. For example, if you have selected Alec Stewart as your wicketkeeper, and are predicting that he will score 350 runs and take 25 wickets, your entry would read:

02 350 25

Throughout the period of international matches, *The Times* will print the running totals of all 17 players. After April 21, the last day of the fifth Test, the final totals of each player will be compared to readers' individual selections.

The difference between predicted totals for each player in each category and their actual totals will be measured in points: one point for each run, and 20 points for each wicket, regardless of whether you have underestimated or overestimated. Three examples of how predictions would be measured are given below. The winner will be the reader with the fewest points.

No allowance can be made if a player is injured or sent home for any reason, nor for loss of play due to weather conditions or any other external factors. Readers should bear these points in mind when making selections. No substitutions will be allowed.

The closing date for telephone entries is noon on Wednesday, February 16, the day of the opening one-day international in Barbados.

You can enter as many times as you like, but each entry requires a separate telephone call. You can enter on your own, with your family (up to a maximum of four people) or a joint team (maximum of four) with your friends, **but all callers must be aged 18 or over.**

When you have selected your team, check what type of telephone you are using. You must have a tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone) to enter. You **cannot** enter using a rotary dial or "pulse" telephone. Once you have found a Touch-tone telephone, you can enter by dialling **0891 500 103.**

Then just follow the simple step-by-step instructions on the line. Listen carefully and take your time. The recorded message will ask you to key in the full set of selections (player reference number, number of runs, number of wickets) for each of your 11 chosen players in turn, starting with the designated wicketkeeper.

You will then be asked to record your name, address and daytime phone number. Finally, you will be given an eight-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN). You will need this if you are a winner. If you cannot get through, please be patient. You have plenty of time to make your entry. Use *The Times* 1st XI bat to record your selections and your PIN.

Only readers in the Republic of Ireland and elsewhere outside the United Kingdom and Channel Islands may enter by post. Complete *The Times* 1st XI bat and send it, with your name and address and daytime telephone number, to:

The Times 1st XI,
PO Box 1803,
London NW1 8QN.

Entries must arrive by first post on February 16.



Star-gazing in search of the successful combination



Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, looks at the many hazards in picking a 1st XI and gives his side

CRICKET'S eternal capacity to confound is the bedrock of the game's appeal. It is also the plague of selectors and the main reason why the business of assessing how 11 England players are going to perform during the Caribbean tour is not as simple as a thousand public bar pronouncements would have you believe.

It sounds a straightforward project. After all, everyone knows that Michael Atherton and Alec Stewart will open the batting in every game, that Robin Smith will do to the West Indies pace bowlers what he could never do to Shane Warne and that the thrust of England's bowling success will come from Angus Fraser and Devon Malcolm. Easy.

But what if Stewart is forced to keep wicket and drop down the order, if West Indies find a spin bowler to haunt Smith and if England's answer comes in the form of inspired leg spin from Ian Salisbury? Fanciful, maybe, but far from impossible.

ALAN LEE'S 1ST XI

Player	Runs	Wkts
Russell (wkt/capt)	180	19
Atherton	380	0
Stewart	425	0
Hick	450	4
Smith	520	0
Thorpe	240	0
Hussain	230	0
Lewis	180	15
Tufnell	75	18
Fraser	60	28
Malcolm	50	22

There is also the pressing question of fitness to consider. Probably the most important members of the England team, when last it toured the Caribbean, were Graham Gooch and Fraser, yet injury restricted each of them to two Tests. It would be a brave, if not foolish, man who wagered much on both Fraser and Malcolm surviving the full five this time around, and the local speciality of breaking batsmen's fingers will probably snare at least one Englishman.

And then there is the matter of one-day internationals. Secondary though they are — and rightly so — in England's strategy, there are still five of them to be won, all staged before the second Test, and the confusing knowledge that candidates for honours at this level are not necessarily the same as those who will excel over five days.

The weather is a surprising but significant factor. While battling through the rigours of an English winter, it may seem that the sun never sets on the Caribbean. But in recent years, I have seen Tests in Jamaica and Trinidad ruined by rain and, in three visits to Guyana, I have yet to see a Test get past first base. An aborted game can confuse all calculations.

Paramount among the considerations, however, is the question of how successful, or otherwise, England can be. Their last visit, four years ago, was widely regarded as a heroic failure but only one batsman managed 200 Test runs and no bowler took 20 wickets.

If they are badly beaten this time around, those statistics may be repeated. But if they compete, or even win . . .

Each entrant will have his or her own ideas about how to narrow the 17-man tour party down to their own 11. Some may try to be clever by nominating a player who, in their estimation, will not feature at all in the international games, and awarding him zero points. This is a permissible tactic but one fraught with danger. With ten games to be played, in two diverse codes, and the best part of three months to absorb injuries, it is likely that nobody will be entirely idle. I have chosen my 1st XI on the premise that these are the players I expect to play the majority of the international cricket. Only by this assumption are reasonable estimates possible.

There will, naturally, be anomalies. Jack Russell may not keep wicket in the one-day side. Nasser Hussain's place could easily go to Mark Ramprakash and, unless Chris Lewis at last gets his act together, the role of the all-rounder would best be passed to Andrew Caddick.

I have included Graham Thorpe on the basis that he will make the greatest strides of the four young batsmen and Philip Tufnell in the hope that he can channel his aggression usefully. Fraser and Malcolm are there because they must be if England are to win, rather than because I am deluding myself that they will still be in tandem come April.

But these are the conundrums which make every tour fascinating and make *The Times* 1st XI such a test of knowledge, interpretation and, let's face it, star-gazing.

Weather likely to exert influence

ENGLAND should not anticipate scoring many runs during their tour of the Caribbean. Both the uncertain climate and the nature and quality of the West Indies bowling should make it unlikely that many of their batsmen will return home with their averages enhanced.

When England toured four years ago, only one batsman — Allan Lamb, who hit 132 in Jamaica and 119 in Barbados — scored a century in the internationals and, on their visit before that, in 1985-86, David Gower's 90 in Antigua was their highest score in the Tests. Graham Gooch's brilliant unbeaten 129 in Trinidad was their only three-figure score in the one-day internationals.

One of the principal obstacles to them scoring heavily in the Test matches will be that, against a pace-dominated attack, it is never easy to accumulate runs rapidly. In 1989-90, for example, Robin Smith occupied the crease for more than 15 hours in the Tests but totalled only 186 runs. Even if their batsmen do find their best form, rain may hamper their progress, especially during the central part of the tour. While it is unlikely that England's matches in Barbados and Antigua at the beginning and end of the tour will be affected, those during March in Trinidad (one Test and two one-day internationals) and in Guyana (one Test) could fall prey to the elements.

During Gooch's tour, the Guyana Test and a one-day match in Trinidad were washed out and this contributed to England's overall tally of only 1,796 runs in the Test matches and 642 runs in the limited-overs games. It also kept their wicket hauls down to 68 in the Tests and 25 in the one-day matches.

Even these figures are not a completely accurate measure of how the batsmen and bowlers performed. Extras — which are not credited to batsmen — contributed 241 runs in the Tests and 101 in the one-day internationals and run outs — which are not credited to the bowlers — accounted for six victims in the Tests and one in the one-day games.

If the weather stays fair throughout the tour, runs and wickets may be more forthcoming. When Australia toured the Caribbean in 1990-91 and enjoyed favourable conditions, they amassed 1,206 runs and took 43 wickets in the one-day series (which they won 4-1) and scored 2,395 runs and took 72 wickets in the Tests (despite losing the series 2-1).

KEY DATES

Feb 16: First one-day international (Barbados)
Feb 19-24: First Test (Jamaica)
Feb 26: Second one-day international (Jamaica)
Mar 2: Third one-day international (St Vincent)
Mar 5: Fourth one-day international (Trinidad)
Mar 6: Fifth one-day international (Trinidad)
Mar 17-22: Second Test (Guyana)
Mar 25-30: Third Test (Trinidad)
Apr 8-13: Fourth Test (Barbados)
Apr 16-21: Fifth Test (Antigua)

THREE EXAMPLES OF HOW PREDICTIONS WOULD BE MEASURED



Player: Graeme Hick (batsman)

Predicted runs	460
Actual runs	270
Difference	190
Points (190 x 1)	190
Predicted wickets	8
Actual wickets	12
Difference	4
Points (4 x 20)	80
TOTAL POINTS (190 + 80)	270



Player: Devon Malcolm (bowler)

Predicted runs	28
Actual runs	81
Difference	53
Points (53 x 1)	53
Predicted wickets	19
Actual wickets	19
Difference	0
Points (0 x 20)	0
TOTAL POINTS (53 + 0)	53



Player: Alec Stewart (wicketkeeper)

Predicted runs	350
Actual runs	275
Difference	75
Points (75 x 1)	75
Predicted wickets	25
Actual wickets	23
Difference	3
Points (3 x 20)	60
TOTAL POINTS (75 + 60)	135

ALL THE FACTS AND FIGURES TO HELP YOU MAKE YOUR 1ST XI CHOICE FOR ENGLAND

Test averages v West Indies

Batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/s
R C Russell	8	14	1	212	55	16.30	—	1	19
A J Stewart	5	10	2	239	45	29.87	—	—	6
M A Atherton	5	9	0	79	32	8.77	—	—	3
G A Hick	4	7	0	75	43	10.71	—	—	8
N Hussain	3	5	0	100	35	20.00	—	—	1
M P Maynard	1	2	0	13	10	6.50	—	—	—
M R Ramprakash	5	9	0	210	59	23.33	—	1	4
R A Smith	10	18	4	708	148*	50.57	2	5	5
G P Thorpe	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
A R Caddick	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
A R C Fraser	2	2	1	13	11	13.00	—	—	—
A P Igglesden	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
C C Lewis	2	3	1	125	85	62.50	—	1	3
D E Malcolm	6	8	4	26	12	6.50	—	—	2
I D K Salisbury	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
P C R Tufnell	1	0	0	2	2	2.00	—	—	—
S L Watkin	2	3	0	8	6	2.66	—	—	—

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	Best	5i	10m
R C Russell	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
A J Stewart	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M A Atherton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
G A Hick	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
N Hussain	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M P Maynard	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M R Ramprakash	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
R A Smith	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
G P Thorpe	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
A R Caddick	71.1	19	181	11	14.63	5-28	1	—
A P Igglesden	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
C C Lewis	79	30	201	6	33.50	6-111	1	—
D E Malcolm	204.1	25	757	22	34.40	6-77	1	1
I D K Salisbury	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
P C R Tufnell	60.3	9	175	7	25.00	6-25	1	—
S L Watkin	36	4	153	5	30.60	3-38	—	—

Test career averages

Batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/s
R C Russell	31	49	10	1060	128*	27.17	1	3	80
A J Stewart	32	60	4	2083	190	37.19	4	11	46/4
M A Atherton	29	55	1	1827	151	35.68	3	15	24
G A Hick	18	31	0	972	178	31.35	1	5	27
N Hussain	7	13	2	284	71	25.81	—	1	3
M P Maynard	3	6	0	52	20	8.66	—	—	2
M R Ramprakash	10	17	1	311	64	18.43	—	1	7
R A Smith	45	84	14	3237	148*	46.24	8	22	31
G P Thorpe	3	6	1	230	114*	46.00	1	1	5
A R Caddick	4	8	1	101	25	14.42	—	—	2
A R C Fraser	12	16	1	129	29	8.60	—	—	2
A P Igglesden	1	1	1	2	2*	—	—	—	1
C C Lewis	20	31	1	771	117	25.70	1	3	18
D E Malcolm	25	37	13	130	15*	5.41	—	—	3
I D K Salisbury	4	7	0	136	50	19.42	—	1	2
P C R Tufnell	15	23	13	56	22*	5.60	—	—	5
S L Watkin	3	5	0	25	13	5.00	—	—	1

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	Best	5i	10m
R C Russell	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
A J Stewart	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M A Atherton	61	11	282	1	282.00	1-60	—	—
G A Hick	240.5	62	598	14	42.71	4-126	—	—
N Hussain	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M P Maynard	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M R Ramprakash	1.1	0	8	0	—	—	—	—
R A Smith	4	2	6	0	—	—	—	—
G P Thorpe	6	1	14	0	—	—	—	—
A R Caddick	153	28	488	5	97.60	3-32	—	—
A R C Fraser	563.3	130	1366	55	25.20	6-82	5	—
A P Igglesden	37	3	146	3	48.66	2-91	—	—
C C Lewis	692	145	2068	52	39.76	6-111	2	—
D E Malcolm	934.3	164	3064	83	37.15	6-77	4	1
I D K Salisbury	122.1	9	536	8	67.00	3-48	—	—
P C R Tufnell	667.2	175	1829	50	36.52	7-47	4	1
S L Watkin	89	17	305	11	27.72	4-65	—	—

One-day averages v West Indies

Batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/s
R C Russell	10	5	1	58	28	14.50	—	—	8
A J Stewart	7	5	1	33	20	8.25	—	—	4
M A Atherton	3	3	1	168	74	84.00	—	2	—
G A Hick	4	4	1	183	86*	61.00	—	2	1
N Hussain	1	1	1	15	15*	—	—	—	1
M P Maynard	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M R Ramprakash	2	2	2	6	6*	—	—	—	—
R A Smith	8	7	1	210	69	35.00	—	2	5
G P Thorpe	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
A R Caddick	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
A R C Fraser	6	1	1	3	3*	—	—	—	—
A P Igglesden	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
C C Lewis	6	1	0	0	0	0.00	—	—	3
D E Malcolm	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
I D K Salisbury	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
P C R Tufnell	1	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	—
S L Watkin	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	Best	5i
R C Russell	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
A J Stewart	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M A Atherton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
G A Hick	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
N Hussain	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M P Maynard	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M R Ramprakash	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
R A Smith	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
G P Thorpe	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
A R Caddick	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
A R C Fraser	52.1	4	205	5	41.00	2-37	—
A P Igglesden	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
C C Lewis	42.2	5	198	8	24.75	3-30	—
D E Malcolm	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
I D K Salisbury	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
P C R Tufnell	5	0	20	0	—	—	—
S L Watkin	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

One-day career records

Batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/s
R C Russell	26	19	6	261	50	20.07	—	—	12/5
A J Stewart	51	46	4	1278	103	30.42	1	8	37/3
M A Atherton	10	10	1	335	74	37.22	—	3	3
G A Hick	32	31	5	1038	105*	39.92	1	9	18
N Hussain	2	2	1	17	15*	17.00	—	—	1
M P Maynard	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M R Ramprakash	2	2	2	6	6*	—	—	—	—
R A Smith	58	57	8	2068	167*	42.20	4	12	18
G P Thorpe	3	3	0	89	36	29.66	—	—	1
A R Caddick	3	2	2	3	2*	—	—	—	—
A R C Fraser	24	10	4	69	38*	11.50	—	—	—
A P Igglesden	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
C C Lewis	40	29	6	251	33	11.95	—	—	14
D E Malcolm	9	5	2	9	4	3.00	—	—	—
I D K Salisbury	2	1	1	2	2*	—	—	—	1
P C R Tufnell	15	7	6	13	5*	13.00	—	—	3
S L Watkin	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	Best	5i
R C Russell	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
A J Stewart	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M A Atherton	37	1	191	4	47.75	2-7	—
G A Hick	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
N Hussain	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M P Maynard	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M R Ramprakash	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
R A Smith	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
G P Thorpe	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
A R Caddick	33	5	132	4	33.00	3-39	—
A R C Fraser	222.4	34	797	23	34.65	3-22	—
A P Igglesden	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
C C Lewis	319.1	29	1412	45	31.37	4-30	—
D E Malcolm	79	7	365	13	27.92	5-40	—
I D K Salisbury	12	1	73	2	39.00	2-36	—
P C R Tufnell	129	11	526	12	44.00	3-46	—
S L Watkin	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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Woosnam puts new fitness to good use

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN PHUKET, THAILAND

NICK Faldo started it. Then came Bernhard Langer, followed recently by Greg Norman. Now, Ian Woosnam has become a convert to the benefits of working out and he received a small dividend for his improved fitness by playing his best round for several months. His 68 left him two strokes behind Fred Couples and sharing second place with Bernhard Langer after the first round of Johnnie Walker Classic at the Blue Canyon country club here.

Woosnam is perhaps the least likely convert to aerobics of the leading professionals. He smokes, likes a drink and hitherto wanted nothing to do with keeping fit. He liked his image of boozy Woosie and talked about it as if it was a badge of honour.

Yet in December, he began attending a fitness centre near his home in Jersey. He has his



Woosnam: stronger

own instructor, Cheryl, who puts him through step aerobics for 45 minutes three times each week.

"I thought it was time I started doing something," Woosnam said. "If you want to keep at the top, you've got to work out. I tried circuit training but that was too hard. After a few minutes, my heart was beating so fast I had to stop. It's good for my legs. They are much stronger than they used to be."

Woosnam had been close to desperation in practice, saying that he could not hit any of the shots he wanted. An alternative view was offered by an amateur with whom he played in the pro-am.

"He looked pretty good to me," said the source, a British businessman in Hong Kong who also claimed that the World Cup will be played in China next year. "Woosie just let a couple of drives get away from him towards the end, that's all."

Woosnam played beautifully for his 68, shaping his shots as he said he had been unable to do the previous day and reading the difficult grainy greens with ease. He looked far removed from the doleful competitor who finished last, 45 strokes behind Nick Price, in a tournament in South Africa in December and took an 80 in a tournament in Australia last week. "Today, I felt I was going somewhere," he said. "I was hitting the shot I wanted to hit."

Langer, Woosnam's Ryder Cup team-mate, had a trying day, one that might have broken the fortitude of a lesser man. He was paired with Tiger Woods, the exciting 18-year-old American amateur, and Mikael Krantz. Langer's group called for four rulings and consequently the pace of play fluctuated from very slow to very quick. Three times Langer experienced the frustration of strokes grazing the hole.

The temperatures approached 90°F, there was 90 per cent humidity and yet, through it all, Langer just got on with it.

Woods is a phenomenon. At the age of three, he played nine holes in 48 strokes, teeing his ball up on the fairway because he was too small to generate enough club head speed, but he holed every putt. At eight, he was champion of his golf club. Last summer, he won his third successive United States junior championship, only the third black player to do so.

Fred Couples's pride had been hurt in Dubai last week when he missed the cut, the first time he had done so for a year, so he was pleased to regain some form. His 66 was well-constructed, error-free, contained no bogeys and earned him the first-round lead.

That is more than be said for Nick Faldo in his first competitive round of the year. He had five bogeys and, in the circumstances, to finish only one over par with a round of 73 was a good result.

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 66: F Couples (US). 68: B Langer (Ger), I Woosnam. 69: L Westwood, D Feherty, P Baker. 70: M Nasim (India), M Lanner (Swe), I Aoki (Japan), S Bottomley, C Montgomerie, Hsieh Chin-sheng (Taiwan), A Johnstone (Zim). 71: M Harwood (Aus), M A Jiménez (Sp), E Els (SA), K Eriksson (Swe), J Payne, C Espinosa (Mex), G J Brand, P Larsson (Swe), R Rafferty, P Senior (Aus), P McGinley. 72: I Palmer (SA), A Bossert (Switz), R Alvarez (Arg), P Walton, D R Jones, F Minoza (Phil), D Smyth, D W Basson (SA), A Sherborne, J Van de Velde (Fr).

Davies takes on pivotal role

Stuart Jones looks at the problems that have greeted the World Sevens rugby league tournament in Sydney

The World Sevens tournament, which opens here today, is being hailed as more than a showpiece to precede the start of Australia's domestic rugby league season. The three-day event is supposed to help spread the game across the globe and, this year, especially to Japan and Russia.

The build-up has been all the promoters could have wanted, as long as they were working on the premise that no publicity can be detrimental. For example, the timing of a court case brought against Benny Elias, an Australia player, has not helped to portray an appealing image.

During a brawl in the early hours of a morning in one of the city's well-known nightclubs, Elias is alleged to have bitten the ear of a bouncer.

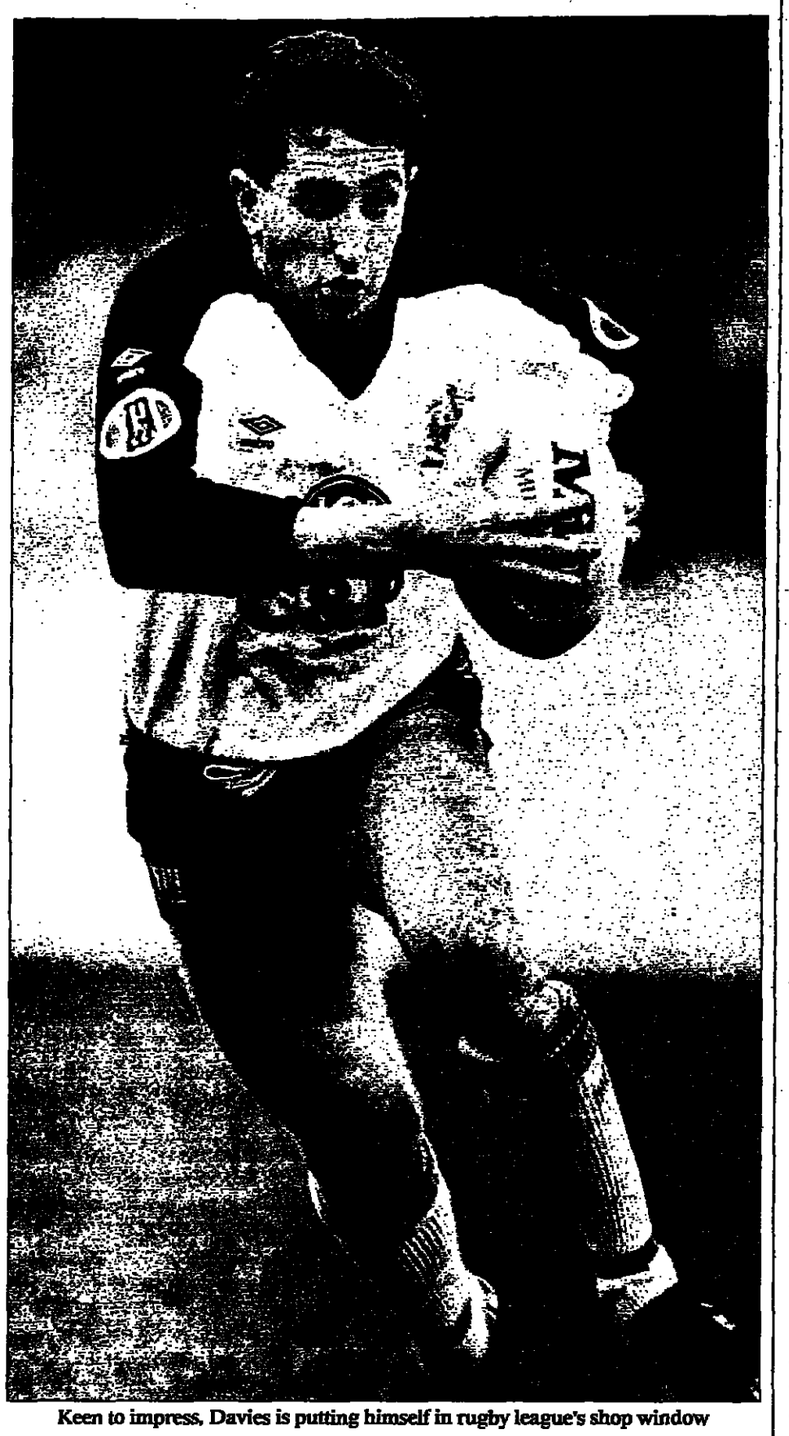
The behaviour of some of those who rejected invitations to appear in the tournament has also been seen as less than courteous. Two of them would have been leading attractions. Martin Offiah embarrassed Great Britain's officials with his belated withdrawal, claiming that he was insufficiently insured against injury by Wigan.

Waisale Serevi caused further dismay when the Fiji squad arrived yesterday without him.

Serevi had already angered the South East Queensland Crushers by reneging on a deal that would have taken him there.

Instead, he was persuaded by Mitsubishi, the sponsors of the club for whom he plays rugby union in Japan, to stay for a salary reported to be £45,000 a year, an increase of £10,000.

Offiah, meanwhile, and Shaun Edwards and Paul Newlove, who also withdrew from the Great Britain squad, may be charged with bringing the game into disrepute at a meeting of the Rugby Football League (RFL) board of directors. The trio have been banned from appearing for their clubs until the squad returns.



Keen to impress, Davies is putting himself in rugby league's shop window

If the threat of a disciplinary charge was meant to bring the three into line, it appears to have failed, at least in Newlove's case.

Yesterday, the Bradford Northern centre, in a highly damaging twist to the row, last night called a premature halt to his international career, blaming the "intolerable intransigence" of the RFL to his withdrawal because he is moving house. Newlove, 22, has appeared 13 times for Britain and was reaching his pinnacle in the international game.

In the absence of the three missing players, Jonathan Davies has been elevated into the leading role on his own. Brian Johnson, his Australian coach at Warrington, assured him of that status by describing him earlier this week as "a genius, the best player I have ever seen at carrying the ball".

Although the Welshman evidently did not distinguish himself at Canterbury, the Australian club he represented for two seasons, Brisbane's chief executive recalls offering to buy him.

"He wanted a hundred thousand," John Ribot said. "When I gathered my breath and told him that that was top money for a footballer playing a full Australian season, Jonathan said he was talking English pounds" — worth twice as much as Australian dollars. The tale is significant in view of Davies's attitude.

To the consternation of Maurice Lindsay, Britain's chief executive, the captain created a stir elsewhere by stating that he and some of his colleagues intend to treat Sydney's Football Ground as a convenient shop window.

"There are a lot of us who would like to play in Australia," Davies said. "Hopefully, we can use this as a stage to attract a bit of interest."

SYDNEY DETAILS

GREAT BRITAIN SQUAD: J Bentley (Hallfax), P Clarke (Wigan), J Davies (Warrington, captain), S Ellis (Castleford), P Medley (Bradford Northern), L Jackson (Sheffield Eagles), C Joynt (St Helens), M Pearson (Featherstone Rovers), G Steadman (Castleford), A Tait (Leeds).

DRAW: Pool A: Sydney St George, Balmain, Penrith. Pool B: Illawarra, Sydney Western Suburbs, Newcastle Knights, Brisbane Broncos. Pool C: Fiji, South Africa, Papua New Guinea. Pool D: France, United States, New Zealand. Pool E: Canterbury-Bankstown, Parramatta, South Sydney, Sydney Eastern Suburbs. Pool F: Manly-Warringah, Cronulla, Gold Coast, North Sydney. Pool G: Tonga, Russia, Japan. Pool H: Great Britain, Canberra, Western Samoa.

Prost's urge to race annoys Williams

FRANK Williams shed light on Alain Prost's apparent willingness to end his retirement yesterday when he said the four-time world motor-racing champion was thwarted in his attempt to purchase the Ligier team after he left Formula One at the end of last season.

Prost, of France, is being courted by Ron Dennis, of McLaren, but Williams has already voiced his irritation at the prospect of a return by the driver who led his team to the constructors' title last season.

"He was very close to a deal [to acquire Ligier] but was thwarted and what he envisaged as the next step in his career was closed off to him," Williams said. "Ron Dennis can be very persuasive. If Prost gets in a McLaren, he will take points away from Williams. But I still have Prost under contract for the 1994 season." Williams and Patrick Head, the Williams technical director, also expressed concern about the return of refuelling stops next season.

O'Reilly goes for gold

SPEED SKATING: Wilf O'Reilly said yesterday he had decided to take part in the Winter Olympic Games despite a training accident that paralysed his Dutch girlfriend. The 1991 world champion, 30, said races in Stockholm last weekend, which he won, showed he was ready for Lillehammer. O'Reilly and Monique Velzeboer, the Dutch short-track champion, were training at Font Rameau in the French Alps when she crashed into a barrier, injuring her spine and subsequently sustaining paralysis.

☐ Torvill and Dean's attempt to recapture their Olympic ice dance title is the highlight of the BBC's Winter Games package, which was unveiled yesterday. Steve Rider and Sue Barker will present 70 hours of sport from February 12 to 27.

Farewell to Maier

SKIING: Austria yesterday bade farewell to Ulrike Maier, 26, whose fatal crash in a World Cup downhill at Garmish-Partenkirchen, Germany, last Saturday has sparked a debate about safety. As thousands flocked to her funeral in her native Rauris, the controversy continued. Everything from hi-tech skis to human error has been weighed as a possible cause of the accident, which Munich prosecutors are investigating. Hubert Schweighofer, Maier's partner and father of her four-year-old child, has said he is considering legal action against the International Ski Federation.

Davis cruises through

SNOOKER: Steve Davis, aiming to win his first ranking tournament since the British Open 11 months ago, defeated David Roe, the world No 16, 5-0 in the quarter-finals of the Regal Welsh Open in Newport yesterday. Davis made only two breaks of note, a 40 in the third frame and a 58 in the fourth, but Roe made numerous elementary mistakes. Davis faces James Wattana in the semi-finals today. On Wednesday night, Alan McManus emerged from a superb match to beat Stephen Hendry, the 1992 champion, 5-4. McManus's semi-final opponent is Peter Ebdon.

Hart replaces Patel

CRICKET: New Zealand have replaced Dipak Patel with Matthew Hart, a new cap, for the first Test of their three-match series against Pakistan at Auckland next week. Hart will be backed up by the all-rounder, Shane Thomson, who is also an off spinner, with Patel paying the price for his poor form this season. New Zealand are without Martin Crowe, their captain, who has not recovered from a knee operation, but Danny Morrison, the opening bowler, is fit again.

NEW ZEALAND XI: K R Rutherford (captain), M J Greatbatch, T E Blain, D K Morrison, C L Cairns, R P de Groen, A H Jones, B A Pocock, S A Thomson, B A Young, S B Doull, M N Hart.

Lomas recuperates

TABLE TENNIS: Lisa Lomas has recovered from the illness that forced her to return home from the Commonwealth championships in Hyderabad, India, five days ago and will take part in the European Top 12 tournament, which starts in Arezzo, Italy, today. The England No 1, from Dunstable, is one of only two Englishwomen to have qualified for the event since the retirement 12 years ago of Jill Hammersley-Parker, who will be Lomas's coach over the next three days. The other England No 1, Chen Xinhua, has withdrawn from the men's event to conserve his energy for forthcoming competitions.

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BOXING

GLASGOW: WBO junior flyweight championship: Jesus Camacho [P Rico] bt Paul Wise (Scot) pts. European bantamweight championship: Vincenzo Belcastro (It) bt Drew Docherty (Scot) pts. Super-feather (6 rnds): Davy McHale (Glasgow) ko John Kelly (Hartlepool) 1st. Light-welter (6 rnds): Steve McLeavy (Glasgow) bt Kevin McKenzie (Hartlepool) pts. Super-middle (6 rnds): Willie Quinn (Tranent) bt Marvin O'Brien (Leeds) pts.
FERRARA, Italy: European Boxing Union cruiserweight championship: Carl Thompson (GB) ko Massimiliano Duran (It) 8th.

CRICKET

HAMILTON: New Zealand XI 318-9 dec (B A Pocock 95, M J Greatbatch 65 not out) and 290-5 dec (L K Germon 100 not out, B R Hartland 50, L G Howell 59, M J Greatbatch 50 retired). Pakistanis 344-4 dec (Saeed Anwar 131 retired, Salim Malik 53 not out) and 155-2 (Shakeel Ahmed 68, Aamir Sohail 55). Match drawn.
CHANDIGARH, India: Tour match: Sri Lanka 280-2 (H Tillakaratne 142 not out, D Samarqweera 69) v Punjab.
SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Sydney (second day): Western Australia 379 (T Moody 115, J Angel 84 not out); New South Wales 162-2 (M Bevan 61 not out, R Davison 56).

FOOTBALL

Late results on Wednesday
B INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Wales 2 Scotland 1.
FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Coventry City 1 Ipswich Town 0.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Hamilton 0 Stirling 1. Second division: Arbroath 1 E Stirling 1; Stranraer 2 Forfar 0.
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Gateshead 2 Altrincham 1; Halifax 2 Southport 2.
EUROPEAN SUPER CUP: Second leg: AC Milan 0 Parma 2 (aet, agg: 1-2).
SPANISH CUP: Quarter-finals, second legs: Celta 5 Real Oviedo 0 (agg: 5-1); Sevilla 1 Real Zaragoza 1 (agg: 2-3).
UEFA UNDER-18 YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP: England 0 Italy 0.
DUTCH LEAGUE: Ajax 3 RKC Waalwijk 0; Roda JC Kerkrade 1 NAC Breda 2.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa 2 Notts Forest 0; Leeds 1 Blackburn 2; Wolves 2 Newcastle 1; York 0 Bolton 2. Second division: Barnsley 0 Bradford 1; Burnley 1 Rotherham 3; Grimsby 2 Stoke 0; Mansfield 0 Middlesbrough 1; Port Vale 1 Hull 1; Oldham 3 Huddersfield 1; Tranmere 1 Blackpool 0.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Charlton 1 Bristol Rovers 3; Portsmouth 2 Oxford 2; Southampton 1 Queens Park Rangers 0. Second division: Hereford 8 Yeovil 1; Plymouth 4 Torquay 0; Cup: Cheltenham 1 Birmingham 4.
FA YOUTH CUP: Stoke 3 Derby 1.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Molesey 2 Bromley 3.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Cup: Third round: Accrington 2 Ashton 2; Bishop Auckland 1 Gretna 1; Spennymoor 2 Whitley Bay 1.
JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Stowmarket 1 Sudbury 1; Wisbech 4 Haverhill 0.
CARLING NW COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherton 1 Skelmersdale 0.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools' Brasin Gas Trophy: Thamesside 1 Basildon 1. Replay: Blackheath 5 Reading 1. English Mars Under-19 Trophy: Yorkshire Coast College, Scarborough 2 Wollaston, Hull 6. English Schools' Under-16 championship: Danefield, Reading 1 Abbotsbury, Middlesex 1.
INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Mexico 1 Russia 4 (in Oakland, California).
BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: São Paulo championship: America (São José do Rio Preto) 0 Santo Andre 1; Ferroviaria 0 Braganitino 0, Guarani 4 Corinthians 0; Novoriozontino 3 Portuguesa 1, Palmeiras 5 Ponte Preta 0; Rio Branco 2 Mogi Mirim 1; Santos 1 Ituano 1. Rio de Janeiro championship: First stage: Fluminense 0, Americano 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Montreal 9 Hartford 2; Buffalo 3 New Jersey 2; NY Rangers 4 NY Islanders 4; Florida 4 Ottawa 1; Washington 5 Philadelphia 2; Detroit 3 Tampa Bay 1; Dallas 7 Winnipeg 3; Edmonton 8 Los Angeles 4; Calgary 4 Anaheim 2; Vancouver 6 Chicago 4.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Dewsbury 48 Hunslet 6, Keighley 35 Huddersfield 10.
TOUR MATCH: Cumbria 7 France 48.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Aberavon 13 Abertillery 10; Bridgend 29 Bristol 12; Cambridge University 16 Army 27; Oxford 3 Oxford University 34; Royal Navy 45 Redruth 10. Cancelled: Bedford v RAF; Mountain Ash v Abercarn.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Daily Mail Under-18 Cup: Quarter-finals: Chichester HS 13 Campion 18; Guildford RGS 19 Colston's 15.

SNOOKER

NEWPORT: Regal Welsh open: Quarter-finals: P Ebdon (Eng) bt D Harold (Eng) 5-4, A McManus (Scot) bt S Hendry (Scot) 5-4; S Davis (Eng) bt D Roe (Eng) 5-0.

TENNIS

DUBAI: ATP tournament: Second round: M Gustafsson (Swe) bt P Rafter (Aus) 7-5, 3-6, 6-3; W Ferreira (SA) bt M Woodforde (Aus) 6-2, 7-5; S Bruguera (Sp) bt T Woodbridge (Aus) 7-6, 3-6, 6-1; M Goellner (Ger) bt K Novacek (Cz) 7-5, 6-3, P Korda (Cz) bt L Jonsson (Swe) 6-2, 6-4.
MARSEILLES: ATP Indoor tournament: First round: A Boetsch (Fr) bt M Stadling (Swe) 6-2, 6-4; O Delaitre (Fr) bt A Olhovskiy (Russ) 7-5, 6-3; M Rosset (Switz) bt A Antonitsch (Austria) 6-4 6-3; M Stich (Ger) bt R Agenor (Hait) 6-7, 7-6, 6-3; H Leconte (Fr) bt T Champion (Fr) 6-1, 6-3. Second round: J Eterman (Swe) bt G Raoux (Fr) 6-2, 3-6, 7-6; D Rikl (Cz) bt C-U Steeb (Ger) 7-5, 7-6; D Nargiso (It) bt M Damm (Cz) 6-3, 7-5; T Carbonell (Sp) bt J Ranzenbrink (Ger) 6-4, 2-6, 6-4; Rosset bt J Hlasek (Switz) 6-2, 6-3; Boetsch bt S Simian (Fr) 6-4, 7-6.
SAN JOSE, California: Men's tournament: First round: J Grabb (US) bt B Gilbert 7-5, 7-5, J Stark (US) bt F Maligeni (Br) 7-6, 6-4; B MacPhie (US) bt B Black (Zim) 6-2, 6-4; M Rush (Ver) bt C Caratti (It) 6-1, 7-6. Second round: M Chang (US) bt K Carlsen (Den) 6-3, 6-2, R Furlan (It) bt J Cecins (Br) 7-6, 6-3.
TELFORD: LTA women's satellite tournament: Second round: Z Mallis (Essex) bt C Toye (Fr) 6-2, 5-7, 6-4; J Ward (Durham and Cleveland) bt M Muir (Scot) 4-6, 6-4, 6-4. Quarter-finals: C Taylor (Oxfordshire) bt K Nugent (Ire) 6-0, 6-1; L Giroud (Fr) bt Mallis 6-3, 7-5; K Roubanova (Bucks) bt E Bond (Gloucs) 6-4, 6-4; A Cassera (Fr) bt Ward 2-6, 6-1, 6-4.
TOKYO: Women's tournament: Second round: M Kochta (Ger) bt G Sabatini (Arg) 7-6, 7-5; M Maleeva-Fragniere (Switz) bt Li Fang (China) 6-2, 6-2; K Boogert (Hol) bt J Novotna (Cz) 4-6, 6-4, 6-1; P Shriver (US) bt K Radford (Aus) 6-2, 6-2; L Neiland (Latvia) bt N Tauziat (Fr) 7-6, 6-3; J Nejedly (Can) bt C Kuhlman (US) 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.
WELLINGTON: Women's tournament: Second round: A Smashnova (Isr) bt K Kschwendt (Ger) 6-1, 2-6, 6-2; V Martinek (Ger) bt A Strnadova (Cz) 6-4, 6-1; J Watanabe (US) bt N Prat (Aus) 6-2, 6-7, 7-5; P Hy (Can) bt M Mayuchi (Japan) 6-1, 6-1.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Newcastle v Leicester (7.0).
FAI HARP LAGER CUP: First round: Athlone v Home Farm (8.0). Shelbourne v Limerick (7.45).
KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Holywell v Connah's Quay (7.45).
FA YOUTH CUP: Peterborough v Ipswich (7.30).

RUGBY UNION

7.15 unless stated
Representative matches
Ireland A v Wales A (Donnybrook, 3.0).
Ireland Under-21 v Wales Under-21 (Blackrock, 12.30).
Scotland Students v England Students (Petfermill, Edinburgh, 2.30).
Cancelled: Scotland Under-21 v England Under-21.
CLUB MATCHES: Aspirants v Cambridge Univ; Bath v Newbridge, Bedford v Saracens (7.30); Bonymaen v Narberth (7.0); Boroughmuir v West Hartlepool Cross Keys v South Wales Police (7.0); Dunfermline v Stewart's Melville FP; Dunvant v Bryn Amman (7.0); Gala v Northampton; Gloucester v Pontypool; Hawick v Currie, Jed-Forest v Rugby; Kelso v Northern; Leicester v Coventry; Maesteg v Cardiff (7.0); Musselburgh v Haddington (7.30); Penarth v St Peter's; Plymouth v Weston-super-Mare; Tiverton v Exeter.
Cancelled: Clifton v Stroud; Ebbw Vale v Breconshire; Mountain Ash v Glynneath; Tenby Utd v Whitland; Treorchy v Pencoed.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship
Widnes v Wigan (7.30).
Tour match
Barla XIII v France Under-19 (Workington, 7.30).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Thames Valley Tigers v Leicester Riders.
SNOOKER: Regal Welsh Open, Newport.
TENNIS: LTA women's satellite, Telford.

SKI REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
AUSTRIA								
Mayrhofen	5	90	good	varied	closed	fine	3	31/1
(Good skiing on well groomed slopes)								
Schladming	50	180	good	heavy	good	fine	6	31/1
(Spring skiing in evidence)								
St Anton	50	290	good	varied	good	fine	3	31/1
FRANCE								
Alpe D'Huez	130	230	good	fair	good	fair	2	26/1
(Milder weather softening all runs)								
Chamonix	50	360	good	good	fair	fair	2	28/1
La Plagne	150	315	good	varied	good	fair	4	28/1
(Good piste conditions above 2,000 metres)								
Megève	55	160	good	varied	good	cloud	5	28/1
(Pistes benefiting from careful grooming)								
Val d'Isère	110	335	good	crust	good	cloud	5	28/1
(Upper pistes remain excellent)								
SWITZERLAND								
Arosa	90	110	good	crust	good	fair	3	31/1
(Piste more forgiving because of milder weather)								
C Montana	60	180	good	varied	fair	cloud	5	28/1
(Heavy snow conditions below 1,800 metres)								
Mürren	65	140	good	varied	fair	fair	4	28/1
(North facing runs above 2,000 metres remain good)								
St Moritz	25	50	good	varied	good	cloud	1	28/1
(Poor visibility inhibiting skiing)								
Wengen	35	110	good	varied	icy	fine	5	28/1
(Warm sunshine softening icy lower slopes)								
Zermatt	80	235	good	crust	fair	fine	1	28/1
(Strong winds at top of Klein Matterhorn)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

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AGONIOUS

(a) Full of agony, adapted from the French *agonieux*, cf. Italian *agonioso*, ultimately from the Greek *agōnia* a contest, hence mental struggle, anguish: "The harsh astringent fierce original Poysons do put Nature into an agonious Coudition."

BESSEMER

(b) The Bessemer process is a method of decarbonising and desiliconising pig-iron so as to convert it into steel or malleable iron, by passing currents of air through the molten metal, from the name of the inventor, Sir H. Bessemer, in 1856, hence Bessemer iron, steel, etc.

THEOBROMA

(a) A genus of low trees, of which one species, *Theobroma Cacao*, a native of tropical America, and now naturalised in other warm countries, is the source of cocoa and chocolate.

ULIGINOUS

(a) Of a watery, slimy, or oozy nature, from the Latin *uliginōsus* full of moisture, *ūligo* moisture, marshiness: "The uliginous lactcous matter in the Coral Fishings upon the Coast of Italy was only a Collection of the Corallin Particles thus sustained in the Sea Water."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

After 1 Rxg7+ Kxg7 2 Rg1+ Kf6! White can only draw the game with 3 Rf1+ Kg7 4 Rg1+ etc. Therefore, White instead tried 1 Re6, which also led to a draw after further complications.

SPORT IN BRIEF
t's urge to race
ys Williams
illy goes for gold
well to Maier
is cruises through
rt replaces Patel
mas recuperates

Lambourn trainer to demolish South Bank and create £850,000 complex

Hills wins approval for building plan

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

BARRY Hills, the Lambourn trainer, has been given permission to demolish his historic South Bank yard and build an £850,000 state-of-the-art training complex a mile down the road, on the outskirts of the Berkshire village.

A meeting of Newbury district council planners on Wednesday evening agreed unanimously to his ambitious plan, which will see 75 boxes at South Bank knocked down and replaced by five new houses.

The money raised from the residential development will contribute to the cost of building three American-style barns at Rosehill, which is close to Hills's famous Faringdon Road gallops leading out of Lambourn.

Two of the barns will provide 82 boxes, tack rooms and stores; the other will contain a covered ride and indoor exercise area. A pair of semi-detached homes for lads will also be built on the site.

The official approval came after councillors heard that the success of Hills during more than 16 years in Lambourn was "almost in spite of rather than because of the facilities at South Bank". The yard was no longer suitable for modern racehorse training purposes. The boxes were tightly grouped, cramped and poorly laid out, with many in bad structural condition and in urgent need of replacement.

Hills has the largest workforce of any trainer in Lambourn, with 57 staff and an annual wages bill topping £1 million. He had indicated he would leave South Bank, and possibly quit training, if the council rejected his plan.

"This is a very good result and a positive step," Hills, who is on holiday in South Africa, said. "The council is looking towards securing the racing industry in the area. It should do the whole of Lambourn a lot of good. It will give all my staff a tremendous boost and put a real spring in their step, I can assure you."

Hills, 56, has sent out 1,400 winners from South Bank, including Rheingold, winner of the 1973 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, Tap On Wood, successful in the 1979 2,000 Guineas, and Enstone Spark, victorious in the 1978 1,000 Guineas. The wish to start afresh at Rosehill amounted to the biggest gamble of his life since landing some massive bets on Frankincense in the 1968 Lincoln, the proceeds of which enabled him to set up as a trainer.

"This meant nearly everything to me," Hills said. "I was not prepared to continue training from South Bank. That is not due to the virus [which has affected his horses during the past two years]. Horses can get the virus in palaces as well as shanty towns. The main reason was due to South Bank being uneconomic.

"Having been at Manton and enjoyed the facilities there for four seasons, I came back to South Bank and had horses scattered around three yards. I was running around between the yards instead of riding out and I was not prepared to carry on on that basis."

Hills, who will continue to live at his South Bank home, hopes the main structures will be erected at Rosehill by the middle of May and the first barn could be operational by the end of August. "I am looking forward to getting on with it straight away," he said. "We have already gone a long way down the road, without spending a fortune and without counting our chickens before they hatched."

The switch to Rosehill will allow more than 100 horses to have direct access to Hills's gallops, rather than having to walk up to a mile along public highways. Horses on roads are a continual problem in the Lambourn area and some animals have received fatal injuries during the past year.

After hearing that Lambourn parish council fully supported Hills's project, the Newbury district councillors took just 30 minutes to approve the scheme without any voice of dissent. Indeed, the main concern of councillors who spoke was the potential threat to 57 jobs if the planning applications were rejected.

Christopher Boreham, of Dreweatt Neate, the chartered surveyors, told the councillors: "Mr Hills regards the outcome of the applications as one of the most important decisions of his life. If you grant consent for this exciting project, it will help to keep Lambourn at the forefront of the racehorse training industry into the 21st century."

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JULIAN HERBERT



Hills will have direct access to his famous Faringdon Road gallops from the new Rosehill training establishment

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SHRADEN LEADER
(2.50 Kelso)
Next best: Carnetto
(2.20 Kelso)

Dwyer survives another heavy fall

MARK Dwyer suffered another injury scare at Edinburgh yesterday, but expects to be fit to ride at Wetherby tomorrow.

The Irishman, due to partner Jodami in the Hennessy Gold Cup at Leopardstown on Sunday, was signed off for the rest of the afternoon by the course doctor after parting company with the odds-on Wishing Gate, who was put down after breaking a leg in the Penicuik Novices' Chase.

Dwyer, who had only just recovered from a painful fall from Coulton at Nottingham on Tuesday, said: "I'm a bit shaken up and sore. It was the course doctor's decision to sign me off for the day. I've got no rides tomorrow, so I'll be going across to Scarborough for physiotherapy and should be okay to resume at Wetherby on Saturday, before going over to ride in the big race on Sunday."

However, Dwyer's sixth fall in less than a week proved to be something of a blessing in disguise as his only other booked ride, Grazember, unseated deputy Anthea Farrell in the Anderson Strathern W S Novices' Chase.

Meanwhile, Michael Kinane, who had a heavy fall from House Honour at the Happy Valley racecourse in Hong Kong on Wednesday, is not seriously injured and is in a stable condition in hospital.

Kinane's wife, Catherine, said yesterday: "Michael has been fully conscious throughout, and has no internal breathing problems or broken bones. The doctors want to keep him in hospital till Saturday. He is very tired and sore, with bruising around his stomach and legs." The stewards will hold an enquiry into the race when Kinane is fit to attend.

Once Stung to confirm form

By Brian Beel

THERE is a return match in the Janco Services Cessford Hunters Chase at Kelso today between two of the top northern hunter chasers, Davy Blake and Once Stung. When they met here last April, Michael Dun tried to make all on Davy Blake but was caught on the run-in and beaten three-quarters of a length by Once Stung.

After an impressive display from Davy Blake on his reappearance at Friars Haugh last Saturday, many will fancy him to reverse the form. However, Once Stung showed a useful turn of foot on their last encounter and I believe that history will be repeated.

Two former National Hunt stalwarts, Le Chat Noir and Team Challenge, make their hunter chase debuts at Lingfield Park and may dominate the R E Sassoon Memorial Hunters Chase. Di Grissell's locally-trained Le Chat Noir, who has won twice on this course, is just given the edge.

The winner of the Land Rover final at Towcester on May 9 will still be eligible to run in novice chases in the 1994-95 National Hunt season as the conditions of the race have been amended to include 'horses at starting must be eligible to run in point-to-points'.

This change has been made to take advantage of the new rule, expected to be approved shortly by the stewards of the Jockey Club and directors of the British Horseracing Board, whereby a horse is still eligible for novice chasing after having won any two hunter chases which are either for maidens, novices or confined to point-to-pointers.



Dun: rides Davy Blake

KELSO

THUNDERER
1.20 Surrey Dancer. 1.50 Charlotte's Emma. 2.20 Carnetto. 2.50 SHRADEN LEADER (nap). 3.20 Jinxy Jack. 3.50 Clay County. 4.20 Davy Blake.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.20 SURREY DANCER.

Brian Beel: 4.20 Once Stung.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT — SIS

1.20 SHIP HOTEL NOVICES HURDLE (£2,548: 2m 110yd) (14 runners)

1 253-421 IMPERIAL BID 46 (G) (Lord Durham) Denys Smith 6-11-10 ... P Waggott (5) 72
2 123 SURREY DANCER 7 (D,G) (Laurel (Leisure) Ltd) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-10 ... P Niven
3 0/00 EMERALD SEA 15 (Mrs C Alexander) J Barclay 7-11-4 ... S Turner 60
4 0/0 KING MELODY 111 (R Tyrer) G Richards 8-11-4 ... N Doughty –
5 04 PRECIOUS HENRY 13 (Mrs A Swinbank) Mrs A Swinbank 5-11-4 ... Mr R Wilson 60
6 0 SALDA 97F (M Pipe) L Lungo 5-11-4 ... T Reed –
7 0/4300 SHARP CHALLENGE 7 (J Wade) J Wade 7-11-4 ... K Jones –
8 21-33 TEMPLERAINEY 102 (G) (Lady Hanc) Mrs S Bradburne 6-11-4 ... P Williams (5) –
9 30-144 THREE STRONG 28 (BF,F) (The Braw Partnership) J Johnson 5-11-4 ... D J Moffatt (3) 76
10 2/P0 YOUNG GUS 10 (Mr L Leech) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-4 ... R Hodge –
11 26P0- LITTLE BROMLEY 356 (A Eubank) A Eubank 7-10-13 ... Mr R Hale –
12 4 CALLERNOY 23 (R Lamb) R Lamb 4-10-8 ... Mr A Manners (7) 70
13 JUSTICE IS DONE (Tayblidge Racing Club) T Dyer 4-10-8 ... A Linton (7) –
14 000 UPWARD SURGE 10 (Racing Club FC3) R Bailey 4-10-8 ... N Williamson 72

BETTING: 1-2 Surrey Dancer, 8-1 Imperial Bid, Salda, 10-1 Templerainey, Upward Surge, 12-1 Callernoy, Three Strong, 16-1 King Melody, Precious Henry, 20-1 others.

1993: KALKO 4-10-8 P Niven (5-4 fav) M Hammond 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

IMPERIAL BID beat Ashaleon 3l in maiden hurdle at Edinburgh (2m 4f, good). SURREY DANCER 7½l 3rd of 11 to Cumbrian Challenge in grade II novice hurdle at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good to soft) with SHARP CHALLENGE (6lb better off) 90l 11th. Earlier beat Clear Idea 5l in novice hurdle at Ayr (2m, good) with EMERALD SEA (6lb better off) 52l 11th. SALDA three-time scorer at around 1m on the Flat. TEMPLERAINEY 1½l 3rd of 9 to Baden in National Hunt Flat race at Leopardstown (2m, good to yielding). THREE STRONG 15½l 4th of 15 to Outset in maiden hurdle at Edinburgh (2m 4f, good). CALLERNOY 23½l 4th of 13 to Carnetto in novice hurdle over course and distance (heavy). UPWARD SURGE 17l 7th of 22 to Moorish in novice hurdle at Nottingham (2m, soft) with YOUNG GUS (1lb worse off) tailed off 16th.
Selection: SURREY DANCER

1.50 TATTERSALLS MARES ONLY NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £2,786: 2m 6f 110yd) (7 runners)

1 4-24421 CHARLOTTE'S EMMA 14 (F,G,S) (Mrs J Goodfellow) Mrs J Goodfellow 7-11-1 ... B Storey 91
2 P-1121 DURHAM SUNSET 36 (F,G,S) (W Black) J Johnson 7-11-1 ... N Doughty
3 00-0666 HERE COMES TIBBY 38 (S) (Mrs E Hislop) W Reed 7-10-10 ... Mrs A Farrell –
4 45/3-P0 HOWCLEUCH 32 (The Howcleuch Partnership) J Oliver 7-10-10 ... T Reed –
5 P-U0 MISS TINO 28 (Miss S Rettie) Mrs S Bradburne 6-10-10 ... P Williams (5) –
6 5P/45/5 REDHALL ROYALE 38 (T Robson) T Robson 10-10-10 ... Miss P Robson –
7 6034FP- STAGSHAW BELLE 328 (Mrs J Straker) Mrs S Bradburne 10-10-10 ... Mr J Bradburne 73

BETTING: 5-4 Charlotte's Emma, 11-8 Durham Sunset, 8-1 Stagshaw Belle, 12-1 others.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

CHARLOTTE'S EMMA beat Wishing Gate head in 15-runner novice chase at Catterick (3m 1f 110yd, good to soft). DURHAM SUNSET beat CHARLOTTE'S EMMA (same terms) 10l in 7-runner novice chase at Carlisle (3m, soft) with REDHILL ROYALE (5lb better off) 42l 5th and HERE COMES TIBBY (5lb better off) 2l 6th. HOWCLEUGH 13½l 3rd of 13 to Chief Raider in novice hurdle at Hexham (2m 4f 110yd, good). STAGSHAW BELLE 16½l 4th of 7 to Roy's Dream in novice handicap chase over course and distance (good).
Selection: DURHAM SUNSET

2.20 E.B.F. GEORGE MACDONALD (BOOKMAKER) NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,513: 2m 2f) (9 runners)

1 64-1231 CARNETTO 23 (C,G,S) (Mrs B Brewis) R Brewis 7-11-5 ... F Leahy (7) 96
2 54 ASK TOM 22 (B Stewart-Brown) T Tate 5-11-0 ... R Garritty 74
3 PP FINNOW QUAY 50 (Scottish Steeplechasing Partnership) J Johnson 5-11-0 ... D J Moffatt (3) –
4 4/05006- GOING PUBLIC 419 (A Cairns) P Cheesbrough 7-11-0 ... K Johnson 69
5 2-22222 KENILWORTH LAD 13 (F,S) (D Bell) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-0 ... P Niven
6 336F ORD GALLERY 14 (G Shiel) T Dyer 5-11-0 ... A Linton (7) 71
7 00-6 RALLEGIO 23 (D Low-Mitchell) P Monteith 5-11-0 ... A Dobbin 70
8 00- WOLF'S DEN 323 (P Spottiswood) P Spottiswood 5-11-0 ... F Perratt (5) –
9 U ROMAN SWORD 23 (D Nicholson) S Leadbetter 6-10-9 ... C Hawkins –

BETTING: 7-4 Kenilworth Lad, 2-1 Carnetto, 5-1 Ask Tom, 10-1 Going Public, Ord Gallery, 14-1 others.

1993: LEADING PROSPECT 6-11-5 B Storey (4-1) Mrs J Goodfellow 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

KENILWORTH LAD 15l 2nd of 5 to Pondering in novice hurdle at Haydock (2m 4f, soft). CARNETTO beat KENILWORTH LAD (5lb better off) 1½l in novice hurdle here (2m 110yd, heavy) with RALLEGIO (5lb better off) 23l 6th and ROMAN SWORD (5lb better off) unseated rider 4th.
Selection: CARNETTO

2.50 DONCASTER BLOODSTOCK KEN OLIVER'S 80th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION HANDICAP CHASE (£4,319: 3m 4f) (10 runners)

1 3/PP2-62 SPARKLING FLAME 22 (G) (R Stow) N Henderson 10-11-7 ... M A Fitzgerald 84
2 62-26F2 MERRY MASTER 22 (F,G,S) (G Lansbury) R Armytage 10-11-2 ... Gee Armytage 96
3 134/53-4 DEEP COLONIST 22 (CD,G,S) (Adcock Racing) T Tate 12-10-2 ... R Garritty 92
4 P12/11 SHRADEN LEADER 10 (G,S) (W Everall) K Bailey 9-10-0 (4ex) ... A Tory
5 13F532 OVER THE DEEL 36 (F,G,S) (G Tobin) J Johnson 8-10-0 ... A Dobbin 87
6 24-R211 ARTHUR'S MINSTREL 37 (F,G,S) (B Hathaway) P Cheesbrough 7-10-0 ... L Wyer 90
7 U4-1F40 RED UNDER THE BED 9 (F,S) (M Stanners) Mrs S Bramall 7-10-0 ... Mr D Parker (7) 74
8 4-55432 FORTH AND TAY 15 (BF,G,S) (Mrs J Gillies) Mrs S Bradburne 12-10-0 ... P Williams (5) 75
9 0P54P-0 MAJIC RAIN 13 (B,C,G) (T Lapping) G Coatsworth 9-10-0 ... A Merrigan 70
10 P/2P-030 DEEP HAVEN 23 (Mrs A Russell) Mrs A Russell 9-10-0 ... K Jones –

Long handicap: Shraden Leader 9-13, Over The Deel 9-10, Arthur's Minstrel 9-7, Red Under The Bed 8-12, Forth And Tay 8-5, Majic Rain 8-0, Deep Haven 7-3.

BETTING: 6-4 Shraden Leader, 4-1 Arthur's Minstrel, Merry Master, 5-1 Sparkling Flame, 8-1 Over The Deel, 16-1 Deep Colonist, Red Under The Bed, 25-1 others.

1993: PLENTY CRACK 10-11-8 B Storey (9-1) B Mactaggart 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

SPARKLING FLAME 1½l 2nd of 22 to Top Brass in novice hurdle at Wincanton (2m 6f, good to soft). MERRY MASTER 12l 2nd of 8 to Threeoutoffour in handicap chase at Wetherby (3m 110yd, soft) with DEEP COLONIST (same terms) 32l 4th. SHRADEN LEADER easily beat Young Miner 15l in 12-runner handicap chase at Nottingham (3m 110yd, soft). OVER THE DEEL 12l 2nd of 7 to Tartan Tyrant in handicap chase at Carlisle (3m 2f, soft) with FORTH AND TAY (1lb worse off) 10½l 4th. ARTHUR'S MINSTREL completed double, beat Run Pet Run 12l in 4-runner handicap chase at Newcastle (3m, heavy).
Selection: MERRY MASTER

3.20 JINXY JACK MOREBATTLE HURDLE (£6,743: 2m 110yd) (6 runners)

1 540-635 JINXY JACK 37 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs B McKinney) G Richards 10-11-9 ... N Doughty
2 P-5F5F4 BORO SMACKEROO 7 (D,F,G,S) (M Thompson) J Johnson 9-11-5 ... N Williamson 83
3 024140 KIR 15 (D,F,G) (L Ovenden) V Thompson 6-11-5 ... M A Fitzgerald –
4 11-3142 DEB'S BALL 50 (D,F,G,S) (J Mowzany) D Moffatt 8-11-4 ... D J Moffatt 97
5 226-062 DIZZY 7 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Lt-Col W Monteith) P Monteith 6-11-0 ... A Dobbin 80
6 P200-11 GREY POWER 15 (D,F,S) (A Frame) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-0 ... P Niven 85

BETTING: 9-4 Jinxy Jack, 5-2 Grey Power, 3-1 Deb's Ball, 4-1 Dizzy, 8-1 Boro Smackeroo, 50-1 Kir.

1993: JINXY JACK 9-11-9 N Doughty (1-8 fav) G Richards 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

JINXY JACK 20½l 5th of 7 to Fortune And Fame in grade I Bookmakers Hurdle at Leopardstown (2m, heavy). DEB'S BALL 20l 2nd of 8 to Berlin William in grade II Waterloo Hurdle at Haydock (2m 4f, soft) with JINXY JACK (same terms) ½l 3rd. DIZZY 8l 2nd of 8 to Home Counties in handicap hurdle at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good to soft) with BORO SMACKEROO (9lb better off) 3½l 4th. GREY POWER beat Ambleside Harvest 3l in handicap hurdle at Ayr (2m 4f, soft) with KIR (19lb worse off) tailed off 11th.
Selection: JINXY JACK

3.50 CARLSBERG RUTHERFORD HANDICAP CHASE (£3,337: 2m 1f) (4 runners)

1 44-1212 CLAY COUNTY 13 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (M Boyd) R Allan 9-12-0 ... B Storey
2 4-63144 SIMPLE PLEASURE 44 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs M Stirk) Mrs M Stirk 9-10-1 ... J Callaghan 96
3 23112P SONSIE MO 21 (F,G) (T Hardie) Mrs S Bradburne 9-10-0 ... P Williams (5) 94
4 F44F12 BELDINE 13 (CD,F,G,S) (Lt-Col W Monteith) P Monteith 9-10-0 ... A Dobbin 89

Long handicap: Sonsie Mo 9-10, Beldine 8-10

BETTING: 4-5 Clay County, 5-2 Simple Pleasure, 4-1 Sonsie Mo, 12-1 Beldine

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

CLAY COUNTY beat Antonin 2½l in 4-runner handicap chase at Newcastle (2m 110yd, good to soft) with BELDINE (4lb better off) 20l 4th. SIMPLE PLEASURE best effort this season, beat CLAY COUNTY (same terms) 2l in 4-runner handicap chase over course and distance (good to soft). SONSIE MO 1½l 2nd of 7 to One For The Pot in conditional jockeys handicap chase at Edinburgh (3m, good). BELDINE beat Pinemartin 7l in 5-runner handicap chase over course and distance (soft).
Selection: SIMPLE PLEASURE

4.20 JANCO SERVICES CESSFORD HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,953: 3m 1f) (8 runners)

1 113F23-1 DAVY BLAKE 6P (CD,F,G,S) (T Dalgetty) T Dalgetty 7-12-7 ... J M Dun (5) 93
2 131113- ONCE STUNG 344 (CD,F,G,S) (J Greenall) P Cheesbrough 8-12-7 ... J Greenall
3 2/31413- POLLIBRIG 317 (D,G) (W Hamilton) W Hamilton 10-12-2 ... M Buckley (5) 74
4 10/6U/ CALL COLLECT 1069 (C,F,S) (J Clements) Miss D Pearce 13-12-0 ... P McMahon (3) –
5 4/350 IT'S A PRY 116 (G,S) (Mrs E Moscrop) Mrs E Moscrop 13-12-0 ... R Hale (5) –
6 /521P-3 READY STEADY 6P (F,S) (Mrs P Strutsdale) S Frier 12-12-0 ... R W Green (7) –
7 3245P5 SECOND ATTEMPT 6P (B) (M McGovern) M McGovern 10-12-0 ... D Mactaggart (5) 62
8 WINTER RAMBLE (F Jestin) F Jestin 8-12-0 ... Miss Sue Nichol (7) –

□ Form figures include point-to-points

BETTING: 5-4 Davy Blake, 6-4 Once Stung, 10-1 Pollibrig, 16-1 Ready Steady, 20-1 Call Collect, 25-1 others.

1993: FINAL CHANT 12-12-2 R H Brown (7-2) D Brydon 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

DAVY BLAKE easily beat Border Folly 10l in point-to-point at Friars Haugh (3m, good to soft). Beat Steele Justice 3l in hunter chase over course and distance (good to firm) in March with POLLIBRIG (same terms) 20l 3rd. ONCE STUNG beat DAVY BLAKE (same terms) ¾l in hunter chase over course and distance (soft) in April. CALL COLLECT beat Old Nick 2l in hunter chase at Cheltenham (3m 2f, good to firm) in March 1990. IT'S A PRY 4½l 3rd of 4 to Scottish Gold in handicap hurdle at Sedgefield (3m 3f 110yd, good). READY STEADY 7l 3rd of 17 to Royal Jester in point-to-point at Friars Haugh (3m, good to soft).
Selection: ONCE STUNG

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Mrs M Stirk	3	5	60.0	P Niven	39	116	33.6
Mrs M Reveley	33	104	31.7	N Doughty	24	89	27.0
Mrs J Goodfellow	10	40	25.0	Mr J M Dun	3	13	23.1
R Brewis	5	20	25.0	M Dwyer	11	69	15.9
T Tate	5	21	23.8	A Dobbin	8	53	15.1
G Richards	33	152	21.7	B Storey	22	155	14.2

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER
2.00 Mames Boy. 2.30 General Brandy. 3.00 Derrymoss. 3.30 Lord Relic. 4.00 Fifth Amendment. 4.30 Crabby Bill.

Brian Beel: 4.00 Le Chat Noir.

GOING: HEAVY (7AM INSPECTION) — SIS

2.00 ORPINGTON NOVICES HURDLE (£1,769: 2m 110yd) (4 runners)

1 R1 MAMES BOY 9 (CD,S) J Gifford 7-11-8 ... D Murphy
2 45/0- AUGUST TWELFTH 463 D O'Brien 6-11-2 ... Mr R Wakle
3 -00F CURRAGH PETER 60 R Lee 7-11-2 ... W McFarland
4 2 PARADISE NAVY 11 M Pipe 5-11-2 ... R Dunwoody

4-5 Paradise Navy, 11-10 Mames Boy, 14-1 Curragh Peter, 16-1 August Twelfth.

2.30 PHYLLIS CLAYTON HANDICAP CHASE (£3,106: 3m) (10)

1 4-2P SILVERINO 11 (CD,G,S) G L Moore 8-12-0 ... M Richards
2 436U SHASTON 7 (B,F,G,S) W G M Turner 9-11-13 ... R Dunwoody
3 6-41 SECRET RITE 49 (G,S) C Weedon 11-11-10 ... J Osborne
4 0P60 CAMDEN BELLE 20 (D,F,G) M Muggeridge 12-11-5 ... C Burnett-Wells (5)
5 3420 LEAGAUNE 11 (D,S) T Casey 12-11-5 ... E Byrne
6 P63F TRUSTY FRIEND 13 (D,G,S) C Popham 12-11-4 ... S Burrough
7 -P61 GENERAL BRANDY 15 (CD,S) J Gifford 8-11-3 ... D Murphy
8 6F3- FAARIS 289 (F,G,S) D Grissell 13-11-1 ... J Railton
9 5-P4 WHAT A NOBLE 8 T Etherington 8-10-12 ... B McCourt
10 00/4- GINGER DIP 340 Miss N Berry 12-10-7 ... R Farrant (3)

7-4 General Brandy, 3-1 Secret Rite, 8-1 Shaston, 10-1 Leagaune, Silverino, 12-1 Camden Belle, What A Noble, 14-1 Trusty Friend, 20-1 Faaris, 33-1 Ginger Dip.

3.00 SANDERSTEAD NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,722: 2m 3f 110yd) (7)

1 40 BITTER ALOE 13 G Harwood 5-12-0 ... M Perrett
2 1118 DERRYMOSS 16 (V,S) M Pipe 8-11-8 ... R Dunwoody
3 2082 BUSMAN 29 (S) J O'Shea 5-11-2 ... M Hourigan
4 -000 BAYLORD PRINCE 15 (B) R Hoad 6-10-7 ... M Hoad
5 5802 BORRETO 32 C James 10-10-7 ... Mr E James (7)
6 0-06 OLIVIPET 108 F Gray 5-10-5 ... M Crosse
7 0P MISS PARKES 14 P Clarke 5-10-2 ... D Fortt (7)

5-4 Derrymoss, 9-4 Busman, 3-1 Borreto, 7-1 Bitter Aloe, 14-1 others.

3.30 NORTHFLEET CLEANING SERVICES NOVICES CHASE (£2,672: 2m 4f 110yd) (6)

1 APOLLO VENTURE P Butler 6-11-4 ... S Arnold (7)
2 0/ ELMORE 650 M Pipe 7-11-4 ... J Lower
3 P-FP HERMES HARVEST 13 D Williams 6-11-4 ... Mr B Hogan (7)
4 130- LORD RELIC 216 (S) M Pipe 8-11-4 ... R Dunwoody
5 0/42 NICKSLINE 18 J Gifford 8-11-4 ... D Murphy
6 -FF2 SUN SURFER 52 (BF,G,S) T Forster 6-11-4 ... B Powell

4-9 Lord Relic, 4-1 Sun Surfer, 6-1 Nicksline, 10-1 Elmore, 33-1 Apollo Venture, 50-1 Hermes Harvest.

4.00 R E SASSOON MEMORIAL HUNTERS CHASE (£1,193: 3m) (9)

1 2PP- FIFTH AMENDMENT 286 (B,D,F,G,S) C Mann 9-12-7 ... R Ponsonby (7)
2 55/ KELLY'S HONOR 279P (CD,G,S) J Sharp 15-12-7 ... J Sharp (5)
3 232- LE CHAT NOIR 350 (C,F,G,S) Mrs D Grissell 11-12-7 ... C Newport (7)
4 31F- MANDRAKI SHUFFLE 275 (B,D,F,G) D Sherwood 12-12-7 ... A Harvey (7)
5 0P-U SPORTING MARINER 10 (D,F,G,S) D Bloor 12-12-7 ... D Bloor (7)
6 400- TEAM CHALLENGE 259 (D,F,G,S) R Lee 12-12-7 ... J Rees (7)
7 /16/ JAAEZ 279P (D,B) J Trice-Rolph 10-12-0 ... J Trice-Rolph (7)
8 133- ROYAL DAY 268 (S) Miss C Saunders 8-12-0 ... R Russell (5)
9 318- TRYUMPHANT LAD 249 (F,G) M Dessley 10-12-0 ... S Dessley (7)

5-2 Le Chat Noir, 3-1 Team Challenge, 5-1 Mandraki Shuffle, Royal Day, 10-1 Tryumphant Lad, 12-1 Kelly's Honor, 14-1 Jaaez, 20-1 others.

4.30 THREE COUNTIES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,280: 2m 110yd) (4)

1 -13U ALKINOR REX 36 (D,G,S) G Harwood 9-12-0 ... M Perrett
2 6621 CRABBY BILL 9 (V,CD,G,S) Miss B Sanders 7-10-2 ... A Dicken (3)
3 2324 SOLEIL DANCER 36 (D,S) D Grissell 6-10-0 ... R Dunwoody
4 1-54 RAMBLE 10 (G) J Old 7-10-0 ... T Grantham

13-8 Crabby Bill, 15-8 Alkinor Rex, 3-1 Soleil Dancer, 7-1 Ramble.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Miss B Sanders, 6 winners from 17 runners, 35.3%; T Forster, 4 from 14, 28.6%; M Pipe, 6 from 25, 24.0%; D Sherwood, 3 from 18, 16.7%; J Gifford, 8 from 50, 16.0%; D Grissell, 5 from 33, 15.2%.

JOCKEYS: J Osborne, 6 winners from 25 rides, 24.0%; D Murphy, 5 from 25, 20.0%; M Perrett, 6 from 38, 15.8%. Only qualifiers.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Southwell: 2.10 Dance Steppe, Sailormaite, Salutation.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER
2.10 Guards Brigade. 2.40 Tempering. 3.10 Hasta La Vista. 3.40 Lucky Fourteen. 4.10 No Submission. 4.40 Themaam.

GOING: STANDARD — SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.10 OLD CLIPSTONE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,925: 1m 3f) (10 runners)

101 (2) 0-2 DAWN ROCK 27 P Kelleway 9-0 ... M Wigham
102 (6) 3-34 DRAGON MAN 11 P Haslam 9-0 ... J Weaver 88
103 (1) 0- FLYING IMP 52 R Hollinshead 9-0 ... S Perks –
104 (3) GUARDS BRIGADE Lord Huntingdon 9-0 ... D Harrison –
105 (9) 2232 KILLING TIME 11 (V) A Forbes 9-0 ... S D Williams 90
106 (8) SAILORMAITE (B) S Bowring 9-0 ... J Williams –
107 (4) 0-0 SALUTATION 32 (V) C Tinkler 9-0 ... L Dettori –
108 (10) 0- ANNIE MCNEIL 73 J Wharton 8-9 ... J Quinn –
109 (7) DANCE STEPPE (B) J Spearing 8-9 ... A Mackay –
110 (5) 435- OLYMPIC BID 109 C Allen 8-9 ... E Guest 88

2-1 Dawn Rock, 7-2 Guards Brigade, Killing Time, 4-1 Dragon Man, 7-1 others.

2.40 NEW BALDERTON APPRENTICES CLAIMING STAKES (£2,070: 1m 3f) (10)

201 (4) 000/ LITTLE BLACKFOOT 776J (G) J Harris 6-9-7 ... M Baird –
202 (2) -144 TEMPERING 14 (BF,CD,F,G) D Chapman 8-9-7 ... L Aspell (3) 95
203 (6) 0-41 EXHIBIT AIR 17 (F,G) R Hannon 4-8-13 ... D O'Neill (5)
204 (5) 000- ROLY WALLACE 66J (V,F) A Forbes 5-8-9 ... D Denby (7) 86
205 (3) -204 NOBLE MEASURE 14 (B) S Bowring 4-8-8 ... G Strange (3) 78
206 (7) 30-0 MALCESINE 13 (F) Capt J Wilson 5-8-6 ... D Griffiths (5) 85
207 (8) 060- MELTONBY 157 (C,F,G,S) J Hetherton 5-8-6 ... C Adamson (5) 79
208 (1) -661 LADY CONFESS 14 (B,CD,G) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-5 ... Madeleine Smith (5) 94
209 (9) 3-04 NANCY 7 (B) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-5 ... P Bowe 84
210 (10) 00-2 SWYNFORD FLYER 18 D Nicholls 5-8-4 ... A Eddery (7) 79

5-2 Tempering, 3-1 Exhibit Air, 5-1 Lady Confess, 10-1 others.

3.10 MANSFIELD HANDICAP (£3,655: 1m 4f) (9)

301 (2) 400- TAKE BY STORM 87J (CD,G) G Moore 5-10-0 ... W Newnes 82
302 (4) -132 ROYAL CITIZEN 14 (V,CD,G) J Bottomley 5-9-3 ... L Dettori 94
303 (3) 0-62 BOLD PURSUIT 14 (BF,F) Jimmy FitzGerald 5-9-0 ... Paul Eddery 90
304 (9) 04-2 GALLANT JACK 18 (C,G) D Haydn Jones 5-8-13 ... A Mackay
305 (5) 165- HASTA LA VISTA 14J (B,CD,F,G) M W Easterby 4-8-3 ... K Darley 93
306 (1) 4-45 ROUSITTO 14 (D,F,S) R Hollinshead 6-8-1 ... A Garth (5) 86
307 (6) 0/5- ROCK LEGEND 337J (F) J Sheehan 6-7-10 ... Stephen Davies (3) 91
308 (7) 0-05 JUVENARA 13 (C,F,G) A Forbes 8-7-7 ... N Adams 93
309 (8) 60/ DRAMATIC PASS 580 M Chapman 5-7-7 ... M Baird (7) –

5-2 Royal Citizen, 7-2 Gallant Jack, 4-1 Rousitto, 9-2 Bold Pursuit, 6-1 others.

3.40 GAMSTON HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,363: 6f) (5)

401 (3) -514 CASPIAN GOLD 10 (BF,G) C Allen 9-7 ... E Guest 94
402 (2) 46-0 DANCE OF THE SWANS 18 (G,S) D Kent 9-6 ... Dale Gibson 97
403 (5) 0-26 CAPTAIN CARAT 26 (BF) Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 ... B Russell (5) 93
404 (1) -624 PALACEGATE JO 13 (CD,G,S) J Berry 8-12 ... K Darley
405 (4) 000- LUCKY FOURTEEN 39 (B,G) D Chapman 7-13 ... J Fanning –

7-4 Caspian Gold, 5-2 Palacegate Jo, 3-1 Captain Carat, 9-2 Dance of The Swans, 16-1 Lucky Fourteen.

4.10 LANGFORD CLAIMING STAKES (£2,243: 7f) (9)

501 (2) -221 DREAM CARRIER 7 (CD,F,G) T Barron 6-10-0 ... Paul Eddery
502 (9) 1131 NO SUBMISSION 7 (CD,G,S) D Chapman 8-9-12 ... L Dettori 92
503 (8) 2-63 LOVE LEGEND 7 (C,F,G,S) D Arbuthnot 9-9-8 ... T Quinn 96
504 (4) -630 DISTANT SPRING 14 J Harris 4-9-2 ... K Darley 80
505 (3) 00 IN DEMAND 28 Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-4 ... B Russell (5) –
506 (7) 40-0 LADY SILK 21 J Hetherton 3-7-11 ... N Carlisle 98
507 (5) 0 NOT FOR SALE 32 J Wharton 3-7-11 ... J Quinn –
508 (1) 00- NORDIC MADAM 52 R O'Leary 3-7-9 ... N Adams –
509 (6) 006- VIVS FUTURE 50 G Pritchard-Gordon 3-7-9 ... D Wright (5) 63

2-1 Dream Carrier, 9-4 No Submission, 3-1 Love Legend, 6-1 Lady Silk, 10-1 Vivs Future, 16-1 Distant Spring, 20-1 In Demand, 50-1 others.

4.40 HALAM HANDICAP (£3,158: 1m) (16)

601 (12) 3-31 THEMAAM 14 (CD,G) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-0 ... Darren Moffatt (5) 93
602 (5) 00-4 COURAGEOUS KNIGHT 13 (F) J Bradley 5-9-10 ... J Weaver 91
603 (4) 0-30 SIRTELIMAR 14 (CD,G) R Spicer 5-9-8 ... D Holland 93
604 (13) 040- CITY ROCKET 58 (F) Bob Jones 4-9-5 ... M Wigham 92
605 (11) 6F-3 DAM CERTAIN 18 (C,D,F,G) R Ingram 5-9-4 ... Dale Gibson 93
606 (3) 000- RIPSNORTER 252 (CD,G,S) J Bennett 5-9-4 ... G Bardwell 87
607 (10) 0-26 PACIFIC POWER 13 W O'Gorman 4-9-1 ... Emma O'Gorman (3) 90
608 (14) 00-0 HEATHYARDS GEM 14 (C,G) R Hollinshead 4-9-0 ... S Perks 88
609 (9) 0-12 CELESTIAL CHOIR 18 (G) J Eyre 4-9-0 ... J Tate (5) 93
610 (1) 50-4 AVISHAYES 7 (D,F) Mrs M Reveley 7-8-13 ... K Darley 90
611 (8) 2-20 CLARIFICATION 11 (D,S) J Wharton 4-8-12 ... J Williams 92
612 (7) 65-6 QUEEN OF THE QUORN 27 (S) G Moore 4-8-11 ... W Newnes 93
613 (6) 00-2 EAST BARNS 14 (B,CD,F,G) T Barron 6-8-11 ... L Dettori 94
614 (15) 00-2 COBBS CROSS 13 T Caldwell 4-8-10 ... M Fenton (3)
615 (16) 16-6 CICERONE 13 (G,S) P Calver 4-8-8 ... N Carlisle 98
616 (2) 00-6 JAMAICA BRIDGE 32 Jimmy FitzGerald 4-8-6 ... Paul Eddery 82

7-2 Themaam, 11-2 Cobbs Cross, Avishayes, 6-1 Courageous Knight, 13-2 East Barns, 7-1 Pacific Power, 8-1 Celestial Choir, Dam Certain, 12-1 Jamaica Bridge, Sirtelimar, 14-1 City Rocket, 16-1 Cicerone, Clarification, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Lord Huntingdon, 16 winners from 77 runners, 23.4%; D Arbuthnot, 5 from 24, 20.8%; T Barron, 60 from 294, 20.4%; W O'Gorman, 40 from 206, 19.4%; R Spicer, 12 from 66, 18.2%; G Moore, 3 from 17, 17.6%.

JOCKEYS: D Holland, 18 winners from 71 rides, 25.4%; L Dettori, 18 from 83, 21.7%; J Weaver, 11 from 52, 21.2%; Emma O'Gorman, 33 from 212, 15.6%; K Darley, 13 from 88, 14.8%; T Quinn, 20 from 155, 12.9%.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Edinburgh

Going: good

2.00 (2m hdle) 1, ERICOLIN (G McCourt, 10-11 fav); 2, Bend Sable (B Storey, 3-1); 3, Dignified (A Linton, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Anorak (4th), 16 Funny Feelings, 25 Rythmic Rymer (pu), 33 Unnab (6th), 50 Supreme Soviet (5th), 66 Hod-Mod, 100 Thatched. 10 ran. 1¾l, 8l, 2l, 8l, 5l. N Tinkler at Malton. Tote: £2.00; £1.50, £1.80, £7.10. DF: £4.60. CSF: £3.78.

2.30 (3m ch) 1, MR TITTLE TATTLE (N Williamson, 4-1); 2, Extra Special (N Doughty, 14-1); 3, Scottish Gold (G McCourt, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 8-13 fav Wishing Gate (f), 12 Four Deep (4th), 14 Onel Dream (pu), 20 Vulpin De Laugere (pu). 25 Rushing Burn (pu), 66 Le Doutelle (f). 9 ran. 2l, 15l, 25l. K Bailey at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £6.80; £2.10, £2.20, £3.90. DF: £10.10. CSF: £50.02.

3.00 (3m hdle) 1, THE BUD CLUB (N Williamson, 10-11 fav); 2, Hot Punch (P Waggott, 25-1); 3, Slaught Son (G McCourt, 7-4). ALSO RAN: 10 Pakenham (5th), 16 Mr Fluorine (pu), Why Not Equiname (4th), 33 Cumberland Blues, 200 Panto Lady (6th). 8 ran. 5l, 8l, 8l, 12l, 3½l. K Bailey at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £2.90; £1.10, £1.90, £1.80. DF: £24.10. CSF: £20.90.

3.30 (2m ch) 1, SLIEVENAMON MIST (N Williamson, 7-4 fav); 2, Willie Sparkle (P Williams, 6-1); 3, Golden Isle (A Dobbin, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Full O'Praise (5th), 6 Flowing River (6th), 20 Grazember (ur), 25 Road To The Weir (f), 33 Ashdren (4th), Loving Omen (f), 40 Royal File (pu), 50 Ballybell, Robins Lad (pu), 66 Native Knight, 100 Ayia Napa. 14 ran. 4l, 2½l, 2l, 5l, 8l. K Bailey at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £3.10; £1.90, £1.80, £2.30. DF: £10.30. Trio: £19.80. CSF: £12.03.

4.00 (2m 4f ch) 1, SIR PETER LELY (Mr C Bonner, 3-1 fav); 2, Deadline (Miss J Thurlow, 50-1); 3, Comet (Mr S Swiers, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Berkisland (pu), Lapiaffe (6th), 9 Sweet City (4th), 10 Absailor (6th), 16 Samsun (f), 100 Dromma Star. 9 ran. 2½l, 5l, 10l, 1½l, nk. M Hammond at Middleham. Tote: £6.90; £2.20, £19.20, £1.20. DF: £92.70. Trio: £109.30. CSF: £86.71. Tricast: £478.85.

4.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, RELUCTANT SUITOR (D Bentley, 7-4 fav); 2, Legitim (P Williams, 9-4); 3, Titian Girl (A Thornton, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Hurricane Horace (pu), 12 Comitalia (4th). 5 ran. NR: Carla Adams, Montrave. 2½l, 30l, 10l. M Hammond at Middleham. Tote: £2.60; £1.10, £1.60. DF: £2.00. CSF: £6.04.

Placepot: £24.90.

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

1.40 (2m hdle) 1, Erlking (Chris Webb, 9-4 fav); 2, Contono Star (20-1); 3, Needs Must (14-1). 12 ran. Dist, ½l. S Mellor. Tote: £3.30; £1.10, £11.10, £2.60. DF: £35.80. CSF: £43.37.

2.10 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Too Clever By Half (Mr G Johnson Houghton, 50-1); 2, Bobby Socks (16-1); 3, Swing Lucky (50-1). King's Treasure 11-10 fav. 10 ran. ¾l, 10l. R Johnson Houghton. Tote: £37.90; £4.00, £2.60, £3.30. DF: not won (pool of £386.17 carried forward to 4.40 Southwell today). CSF: £550.90.

2.40 (2m 4f 110yd ch) abandoned due to waterlogging

3.10 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Tel E Thon (R Dunwoody, 11-8); 2, Sparkler Gebe (5-4 fav); 3, Mecado (13-2). 5 ran. 10l, 12l. P Jones. Tote: £1.80; £1.50, £1.10. DF: £1.20. CSF: £3.34.

3.40 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Saahi (J Osborne, 2-7 fav); 2, Sing The Blues (8-1); 3, Construction (25-1). 4 ran. 8l, 15l. C Weedon. Tote: £1.30. DF: £1.50. CSF: £2.84.

4.10 (2m hdle) 1, Donosti (D Fortt, 7-4); 2, Rarfy's Dream (4-7 fav); 3, Bill Quill (10-1). 4 ran. 8l, dist. R Lee. Tote: £2.20. DF: £1.10. CSF: £3.10.

4.40 (2m flat) 1, Sebastopol (D Hobbs, 13-8 fav); 2, Ivy Edith (6-1); 3, Keel Row (8-1). 12 ran. 15l, 2½l. P Nicholls. Tote: £3.00; £1.60, £1.50, £2.00. DF: £12.20. CSF: £11.49.

Placepot: £309.90.

□ The meeting scheduled for Towcester yesterday was called off due to waterlogging.

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Muse to run at Sandown

CHAMPION Hurdle outsider Muse has been given the all-clear to run in the Agfa Hurdle at Sandown Park tomorrow. The David Elsworth-trained gelding was an intended runner in the Cleeve Hurdle at Cheltenham last Saturday, but went "off colour" a day before the race.

Elsworth said yesterday: "I don't know what was wrong with him but he just went off. I decided to swim him this morning as we've had terrible rain here. He went well enough and I'm satisfied he's coming back. It's a valuable race at Sandown so he ought to go."

Carling-speak contagious at captain's question time

Soon after I married my first wife, we moved to a house in St John's Wood; not long after that there was an election. St Marylebone was then a "safe" Tory constituency and the Blue election address pushed through our letterbox was delivered principally to deter anyone from accusing the Conservatives "of taking St Marylebone for granted" — which, of course, they did and would have been foolish not to have.

The single sheet of glossy paper bore a picture of the candidate with the message: "I was captain of Uxbridge, Middlesex, the Royal Air Force, Harlequins, England and the Barbarians. Need you look further?"

I suppose there were voters who might have wanted to know the man's views on education, health, pensions, taxation and foreign affairs ... but 30,000 or so thought it enough and put a cross against his name.

And yes, of course they would have voted for whoever represented the party of the right, but there was something attractive and reassuring about having as your member of parliament a man so consistently chosen to lead his peers.

I thought about the late W. W. Wakefield — for it was he — on Wednesday morning when Will Carling, the England rugby captain, attended a press conference on the eve of the team's departure for Scotland for the Calcutta Cup match tomorrow.

The Petersham Hotel, off Richmond Hill, site of this convocation, has about it the discreet charm of a Victorian temperance hotel, though it is licensed to sell alcoholic beverages. Over the last ten years, for reasons that might merit investigation, the England team is accommodated here prior to internationals.

Carling is an ordinary looking, dark-haired, smallish, toughish man who has been accused of cockiness and now works hard at trying to prove his accusers wrong.

In his day, "Wakers" captained England because he was an automatic selection for international honours; a brilliant, fast, fearless back-row forward and also a



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natural leader of men. Carling made it because at the time of one of our rugby crises — four different captains in one year — he was talented and young and England were in dire need of a bit of long-termism; also, his background of public school, university and the army was an acceptable background for a job so carefully monitored by the tabloid press. He has done us proud.

Punctually, at 1.15, our man entered the conference lounge self-effacingly. England's media relations officer addressed us with the words: "If snappers can do their jobs quickly, it is over to you gentlemen." Snappers kept their cameras close to their chests, awaiting their moment, and the man from Sky television mounted his rostrum, obscured our vision but recorded all for the watching millions.

The old genius, my ex-MP, would have put the fear of God into any inquisitor. Carling listened courteously, answered questions in a low voice, unprovocatively.

"How do you react to the difference of being serious underdogs to being serious favourites?" asked a man.

"Serious favourites, not really, mumble, mumble. Well, favourites you know, I mean I think there was demotivation last season and I think, I mean we'll learn from that." He did not speak as fluently as this last statement reads.

Was he angry about Jeff Probyn's criticism of his captaincy? How long would he continue as captain? Was the World Cup next year within his ambition? His replies were woolly and variously interpreted.

Is Murrayfield more daunting than Cardiff Arms Park? "Mmmm," Carling said, which sounded to me like "Mmmm yes," but then he is a man who likes to keep his options open. "It's the way it is. We're not politicians, Murrayfield is an incredible challenge and there is a lot of flak. More than at Cardiff. In 1990, we weren't prepared for what we walked out into."

As memorable lines go, this was one. It reminded me of Peter Lorenzo, my late friend, interviewing Tommy Harmer, of Chelsea, who had scrambled the ball into the net: "What did it come off of then?"

"Last question," announced the media relations man ... and, as that one was unsatisfactory, we were allowed another last question. Then coffee and cold quarters of sandwich and, when these quickly disappeared, some even colder quarters of sandwich — ones that might have been intended for a later occasion.

I once investigated the pre-tournament diet of sumo wrestlers: discovered they eat gallon bowls of stewed meat and fish and tofu, served with noodles, simmered in rice wine.

At Petersham, I went to reception, asked for the manager, quizzed him about what our men would get for dinner. "They're not on a special diet," the functionary said. "You see, they're not playing until Saturday."

I said: "Well, surely, I would have thought, with three days to go, I mean don't they sort of watch what they, I mean eat ..." I realised Carling-speak was contagious and asked if I might know what they were being served that night.

"Grapefruit and orange slices. Cottage pie and veges. Steamed sponge pudding and ice cream and cheese and fruit ... all passed by Loughborough University."

I was sorry I asked.

Carling's car is parked outside the hotel: a red, soft-topped Mercedes convertible. "He tries to be one of the lads," a colleague said, "but he fails."



Carling: unprovocative

DAVID ROGERS/ALLSPORT

Stand-off carries burden of expectation

Irish eyes look to Elwood to stand out in the crowd

FROM SIMON BARNES IN DUBLIN

FLY half, stand-off half, call it what you will — they prefer out half here in Ireland — No 10 is the *if* position of rugby union.

Especially the bit about keeping your head when all around are losing theirs, and blaming it on you. A rugby union team is split cleanly down the middle and the only person with any hope of keeping his head is your man the out half.

A forward is in no position to keep his head. At international level, he must play every game on the cusp of dementia. The scrum half is supposed to be the forward's link with reality but, in truth, he is their jackal.

Backs must exist remote from the action: aeons of dark waiting lit with occasional vivid seconds of panic. Therefore, the only player in the team with any possibility at all of being a man, my son, is wearing the No 10 shirt.

Stability in this position means you are more than halfway to a stable team. The fifth out half Ireland used in 12 months turned out to be Eric Elwood. All at once, Ireland is closer to a stable team than it has been in years.

I was there last spring when, in his second game for his country, he achieved beatification: blessed Eric Elwood scored 12 points in that day of sainted memory when England were beaten 17-3.

The enduring memory of that day — or at least the football part of it — is not of any great brilliance, nothing particularly eye-catching. It is a memory of the most extraordinary composure. It was a perfectly sumptuous example of the art of keeping one's head.

The big occasion lifted Elwood not to a fit of demented inspiration but to new heights of self-possession. He was inflamed with coolness. People say Elwood never stands out much in club or provincial games, but he stood out against England all right.

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He appears to be one of those extraordinary individuals who find their biggest performances on the biggest occasions. Early to say, I know, that players like that do rather tend to number highly among the greats.

Elwood played two international matches in the five nations' championship last season and kicked Ireland to two victories. The tide of Irish defeat, not to say Irish defeatism, had been turned. But now, of course, comes the real test. The Second Season Disease can strike at any minute.

"That's the trouble, isn't it?" Elwood said. "Last season, I was a new kid on the block. I had, as they say in the sporting trade, nothing to lose. But now I've been built up so much I'm almost scared to look down." He began the new year with defeat. Defeat in Paris was not a disgrace but France galloped in two tries in the last five minutes to make the score a humiliating 35-15.

"My second international season was bound to be a lot more difficult," he said. "You don't get the room, or space or time to do things you did last year. The pressure is on a little more and you have to cope with it. It was very hard to play against the French."

Elwood's game remains composed: structured. And under the silliness of rugby's laws, the goalkicking side of his or any team's game gets more important with every match. You ruck for show but you kick for dough, as it were.

Yet Elwood began his international kicking career by making a mess of a kick-off. His first kick at the posts was a flubbed dropped goal that never actually left the turf. You can see how much that worried him.

He has since scored 58 points in his four internationals and, in doing so, he has demonstrated his greatest gift, a most extraordinary match temperament. Rugby's maelstrom seems to act as a personal sedative.

"I treated it like I would any other Saturday afternoon match," he said of his international debut: but you get an odd feeling that this traditional piece of athlete's banality might actually be true in his case. "And my own normal game is to do a lot of talking, so maybe that's what makes me look so composed."

It is not. It is a question of body language rather than English, or even Hiberno-English language. Every line of his body spells out balance, composure, big-match cool.

Irish rugby is back on some kind of track and, over here in Dublin, they may have stopped talking grand slams, but they have started talking triple crowns. However, it is not fair to say that Elwood is the man behind the Irish revival. He *is* the Irish revival. Tomorrow, against Wales, he will try a new pressure: the pressure of expectation.

DAVID CANNON/ALLSPORT



Elwood celebrates Ireland's defeat of England last season



Elwood's composed entry into the five nations' championship arena has increased pressure on him this season

England A unlock wealth of talent in Italy

FROM BRYAN STILES IN PIACENZA, ITALY

MANY selectors in the home countries must envy England the luxury of being able to field such a formidable lock combination as Nigel Redman and Andy Blackmore in their second team.

The pair would be among the first names pencilled in for almost any other British national side if they were available. But tomorrow, they have to slog it out in the A international match against Italy in Piacenza while their first-team colleagues take on Scotland in the Calcutta Cup.

Even though Redman was one of the leading players in the historic England win over the All Blacks last November, he has had to make way for the return of Martin Bayfield, who brings to the lineout a jousting 6ft 10in presence that cannot be denied.

Redman, 29, was annoyed at the way he was informed that he was required to travel to Italy instead of competing with the seniors. It should provoke the kind of reaction that will rebound on the Italians tomorrow.

He is determined to add to the 14 caps he has won over ten years and, with Bayfield's extended frame taking such a battering, Redman must feel his international days are far from over.

He, Blackmore and Dean Ryan, the captain, should secure enough lineout possession against the Italians to ensure their backs get plenty of attacking opportunities.

It is a quirk of rugby that second-team games, like that tomorrow, are often the springboard for players to win places in other home international teams. Welsh, Irish and Scottish grandmothers seem to tie their favours to many a kit bag when it gets an England tag.

Former second-team England players have benefited from the training and high profile that come with being part of the England set-up. Players such as Rupert Moon (Wales), Ian Smith and Alan Sharp (Scotland) and John Etheridge (Ireland) have been grateful for the leg-up. With England being blessed with so many fine players, there may be more who are aiming to earn promotion.

They should get their chance to glitter tomorrow if the result last year is a guide. England A beat the Italy 59-0 at Bath but, the previous year, the Italians provided sterner opposition, falling only 16-10. England will, however, be looking for a similar scoreline to the 44-0 win they achieved in 1989 on the ground where they play tomorrow.

England Emerging Players take on Spain in Elche on Sunday.

ENGLAND A (v Italy): P Hull (Bristol), A Adebayo (Bath), D Hopley (Wasps), S Potter (Leicester), N Beal (Northampton); P Challinor (Harlequins), M Dawson (Northampton); C Clark (Bath), K Dunn (Wasps), A Mullins (Harlequins), C Sheasby (Harlequins), N Redman (Bath), A Blackmore (Bristol), R Jenkins (London Irish), D Ryan (Wasps, captain). Replacements: P Holford (Gloucester), P Grayson (Northampton), A Kardooni (Leicester), R Cockerill (Leicester), J Mallett (Bath), D Sims (Gloucester).

ENGLAND EMERGING PLAYERS (v Spain): A Lumsden (Bath); D O'Leary (Harlequins), G Childs (Wasps), G Thompson (Harlequins), H Thorneycroft (Northampton); J Harris (Leicester), I Sanders (Bath); D Crompton (Bath), S Mitchell (West Hartlepool), D Garforth (Leicester), A Diprose (Saracens), A Snow (Harlequins), R West (Gloucester), D Eves (Bristol, captain), L Dallaglio (Wasps). Replacements: A Tunningley (Saracens), D Edwards (Wakefield), R Kitchin (Bristol), M Hynes (Orrell), G French (Orrell), M Haag (Bath).

Price to pay for overcrowding international calendar



DAVID HANDS

Rugby Commentary

Not so long ago, when rugby union's authorities were reducing the number of matches on a leading tour from 18 to 12 or 13, there was much shaking of heads at the thought of playing three internationals within such a short programme.

A grand-slam tour of Britain, playing all four home unions, was completely out of the question, of course, and no such tour has taken place for ten years.

Yet there were murmurings when the New Zealanders were in England and Scotland last autumn that they would not object to the restoration of all four games and now Australia and New Zealand propose to play even more internationals.

After meeting in Sydney last week, the two southern hemisphere countries are considering the establishment of an annual three-match series. In 1996, when Australia tour New Zealand, they will play seven or eight games, of which three will be internationals.

The rarity value of international rugby has long been under threat. Wales will set records in that respect this year with a programme of 13 games and it is no use arguing that some are of lesser standard than others. The time for preparation remains the same whether the opponent is Spain or South Africa. Indeed, the games Wales will play in Madrid and Lisbon in May are more significant than the meeting with South Africa next autumn because hanging on them is qualification for the World Cup next year.

By making international rugby commonplace, you risk two things: your domestic structure, which must inevitably become subservient to the requirement of the national side, and a far higher turnover in your leading players. The first loss would be more significant in Britain because the game is so squarely based on club rugby while, in Australasia, provincial rugby has historically been more significant.

As Bob Fordham, chief executive of the Australian Rugby Union (ARU) says, it is all a matter of programming and nobody knows better the value to Australia of the New Zealand connection. But Fordham's union is going into an enhanced representative programme with eyes open.

It is the representative game that has always captured the imagination of the Australian public and the ARU is seeking to capitalise.

Where, though, to fit the games in, among New Zealand's national championship matches and Ranfurly Shield games, the Super Ten series and regular touring commitments involving the Pacific islands as well as the leading union tour programme? And what about the commitment to club rugby? Even though it is not as strong as it is here, this does not mean that every now and again the Randwicks, Manlys and Ponsonbys do not enjoy a sight of their best players.

At least Australia and New Zealand are remembering the impact on their players, though whether that is more than lip service remains to be seen. "We can't exploit the players and put them into a situation where it is too physically demanding," Fordham said, and there is an open invitation to international squad members to attend ARU executive committee meetings.

Before Christmas, Australian officials sat down with their leading players to debate the optimum number of internationals to be played in any calendar year, a debate that should be mandatory while rugby players remain free agents, as it were, rather than the contract slaves they seem destined to become if they are not careful.

It is a reminder to administrators and players in Britain about where priorities lie. With England about to start another five nations' championship, Geoff Cooke, the manager, argues that the game's image has been elevated to an unprecedented degree by the country's recent achievements.

But which came first, the chicken of England grand slams or the egg of league and divisional rugby? And how to ensure the success of the one without seriously endangering the health of the other?

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (20655)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (54669013)

9.05 Kilroy (s) (7230365) **9.45 Newshound** (s) (5974549)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9992520) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (3462655)

10.30 Good Morning... with Anne and Nick (s) (38158723)

12.15 Pebble Mill with Judi Spiers (s) (7912592) **12.55 Regional news** and weather (55246520)

1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (13758) **1.30 Neighbours** (Ceefax) (s) (49248568)

1.50 The Travel Quiz (s) (14091033) **2.20 Holiday** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (43088758)

2.50 The Flying Doctors. High-flying Australian medical drama series. (Ceefax) (s) (3452758)

3.35 Cartoon (9597029) **3.45** ***Open a Door*** (s) (7939181) **3.50 Moomin** (4049181) **4.15 Jackanory: The Man** by Raymond Briggs (r) (s) (7518013) **4.30 The Animals of Farthing Wood** (Ceefax) (s) (6146365)

4.55 Newsround Extra: Juliet Morris reports on a marathon husky race across the Alps (7656365) **5.10 Grange Hill** *(Ceefax) (s) (2474433)*

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (761926)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (655)

6.30 Regional news magazines *(907)*

7.00 Home Truths. Steve Wright looks behind the public faces of Austin Mitchell, Lulu and Michael Praed (Ceefax) (3655)

7.30 Tomorrow's World. Includes a report on four-year-old Nicholas Carter, who *will be one of the first totally deaf children to have an electronic implant which should enable him to hear for the first time* (Ceefax) (s) (891)

8.00 Only Fools and Horses: Sickness and Wealth. Another classic episode of the popular series following the exploits of a cockney wide boy and his long-suffering brother. This week, Del dabbles in the occult (r) (Ceefax) (846549)

8.50 Drive. More driving tips from comedian Alexei Sayle. (Ceefax) (s) (661568)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (1278)



Zoë Wanamaker misses her flight (9.30pm)

9.30 Love Hurts: Promises. Adam Faith and Zoë Wanamaker star in this romantic drama series. (Ceefax) (s) (804365)

10.20 FILM: Street War *(1992) starring Ray Sharkey.* When a New York cop is shot dead, his colleagues *set out to capture his killer. Directed by Dick Lowry.* (Ceefax) (5118810) **Wales:** All Our Lives 10.50 Snooker 11.20 FILM: Street War 12.50-2.20am FILM: Don't Just Lie There, Say Something!

11.50 FILM: Don't Just Lie There, Say Something! *(1973).* Topical farce starring Leslie Phillips, Brian Rix and Joanna Lumley. A government minister and *staunch defender of public decency tries to juggle* two mistresses whilst hanging on to his trousers at the same time. *Directed by Bob Kellett (441520)*

1.20am Weather (9342476)

BBC2

8.00 Breakfast News *(Ceefax)* (2590549)

8.15 Westminster Daily (4434162)

9.00 Daytime on Two Educational programmes Plus, for children, **1.20** Charlie Chalk (23429471) **1.35-1.40** Bump(90906742)

2.00 News *(Ceefax) Weather.* **Words and Pictures** (s) (11683346) **2.15 Open View** (r) (32680100)

2.20 Sport on Friday with Helen Rollason Includes Golf: the Dubai Desert Classic; Skiing: Women's World Cup Downhill from Sierra Nevada in Spain. Rugby *Union. preview of tomorrow's five nations'* championship matches; Football: review of the FA Cup fourth round action (8231365) **Wales:** Snooker

3.50 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7925988)

4.00 Today's the Day with Martyn Lewis (s) (520)

4.30 Dilemmas. Jenni Murray explores what can be done when relationships go wrong (s) (704)

5.00 Catchword. *Word game (s) (1433)*

5.30 The Quest for the Rose (Ceefax) (s) (384)

6.00 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons Gerry *Anderson's puppet series. (Ceefax) (816043)*

6.25 The Man from UNCLE. Napoleon and Ilya race against time. (Ceefax) (808568)

7.15 The Living Soap. Fly-on-the-wall documentary series (s) (811704)

7.45 What the Papers Say *with Matthew Parris of The Times* (175926)

8.00 Public Eye: Sleepless Nights. Su Pennington reports on sleep disorders and talks to people whose lives have been wrecked by lack of sleep (7617)

8.30 The Great British Garden Show Ruth Langsford visits the St Andrews *Autumn Show. (Ceefax) (s)* (9452)

9.00 Red Dwarf Cult science-fiction comedy series (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2520)



Jonathan Meades visits Belgium (9.30pm)

9.30 CHOICE ***Further Abroad.*** *(Ceefax) (s)* (18100)

10.00 Blackadder II. The story of the Elizabethan Blackadder continues (r). (Ceefax) (s) (89100)

10.30 Newsnight with Kirsty Wark. (Ceefax) (644365)

11.15 Fantasy Football League. Frank Skinner and David Baddiel are joined by Eddie Large and Sue Johnston (102568) **Wales:** Welsh Lobby 11.45 Fantasy Football League 12.15am The Ferguson Theory 12.40-1.05 The Ren and Stimpy Show

11.45 The Ferguson Theory (379182)

12.10am The Ren and Stimpy Show (r) (1514698)

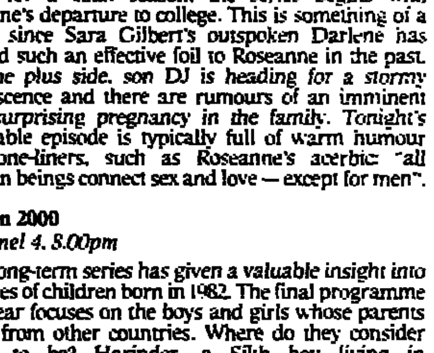
12.35 Weather (5487969)

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CHOICE

Further Abroad
BBC2, 9.30pm

The final programme in Jonathan Meades's stylish series takes us to Belgium, where he discovers an unexpectedly crazy streak in the natives. The film begins misleadingly with an interview with an elderly couple who admire the uniformity of English *architecture and our "nice, clean Tesco stores".* Thereafter, the Belgians begin to look more eccentric. We meet the man who collects underwear and the morose participants of finch sport (listening to a finch in a box and keeping a record of its cheeps). Best of all however is the penguin-obsessive who dresses like the bird and wants to be buried in a penguin-shaped *coffin. "I think I'm a typical Belgian,"* he says. It is easy for Meades to conclude that Belgian life aspires to *mimic the art of one of its most famous citizens, the* surrealist René Magritte.



Man about the house Tim Allen (C4, 9.30pm)

Home Improvement
Channel 4, 9.30pm

A new American comedy shown over here for the first time, billed as the most popular show across all American networks. I suspect it will find less favour with British audiences. Stand-up comic Tim Allen stars as Tim Taylor, a television handyman whose bullish masculinity on screen is belied by his pathetic status at home. "Everytime you fix something, the fire department comes," his wife complains. There are some nice jokes at his expense, but the show is marred by sentimentality and a certain artificiality arising from the hysterical studio laughter and tacky sets.

Roseanne
Channel 4 10.00pm

By contrast to the above programme, this realistically working-class comedy goes from strength to strength. Back for a sixth season, the series begins with Darlene's departure to college. This is something of a blow, since Sara Gilbert's outspoken Darlene has proved such an effective foil to Roseanne in the past. *On the plus side, son DJ is heading for a stormy* adolescence and there are rumours of an imminent *and surprising pregnancy in the family. Tonight's* enjoyable episode is typically full of warm humour and one-liners, such as Roseanne's acerbic "all human beings connect sex and love — except for men".

Citizen 2000
Channel 4, 8.00pm

This long-term series has given a valuable insight into the lives of children born in 1982. The final programme this year focuses on the boys and girls whose parents come from other countries. Where do they consider home to be? Harinder, a Sikh boy living in Handsworth, believes there should be "a fair mix between the two cultures", but some of the others have become thoroughly westernised. Matthew, a Liverpool boy, is followed on a trip back to China and his *grandparents' ancestral home in a remote village. His* mother confesses, "It's made me feel I want to go *back", but Matthew is concerned that if he lived there* he would not be able to get "everyday food like chips and sausages." *Meanwhile in London's Camden, a* Cypriot restaurateur is preparing to take his family back to Cyprus. His daughter has mixed feelings. "It's like leaving a part of my life."

Stephanie Billen

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (585655)

9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (8626452) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) (3448075)

10.00 The Time... The Place. John Stapleton invites members of a studio audience to air their views on a topical subject (s) (2332075)

10.35 This Morning Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan present the weekday magazine (38142162) **12.20 London Today** (8032075)

12.30 Lunchtime News (Teletext) Weather (3169100)

12.55 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (s) (3144891) **1.25 Home and Away** Australian family drama (Teletext) (97540520)

1.55 Capital Woman *Anneka Rice meets identical twins* and an adopted child (s) (27146902)

2.25 A Country Practice Medical drama series (s) (43985617) **2.50 Take the High Road.** Scottish drama series (3468452)

3.20 News *(Teletext)* (8220655) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) (8239926)

3.30 The Magic House (9401278) **3.45 Cartoons** (7028029) **3.55 Zzzap!** (4059568) **4.15 The Dreamstone** (8088346) **4.40 Just Us** (Teletext) (2272568)

5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (5824029)

5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (871510)

6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) (50051)

7.00 Celebrity Squares *with Bob Monkhouse (Teletext)* (s) (8722)

7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (s) (87)

8.00 The Bill: Double Vision Pearce and Johnson make three arrests but the person they really want eludes them (Teletext) (7471)

8.30 Surgical Spirit Nichola McAuliffe and Duncan *Preston star in this comedy set in a hospital. Joyce* can no longer stand Jonathan's snoring (Teletext) (3278)



Catherine Cusack faces protestors (9.00pm)

9.00 The Chief starring Martin Shaw. An American pro-*lifer brings a major anti-abortion campaign to* Eastland and terrorises a young woman facing an *agonising moral dilemma (Teletext) (s) (6839)*

10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald (Teletext) Weather (83925)

10.30 FILM: Mistress *(1987) starring Victoria Principal as* the mistress of a wealthy man who is left destitute *when her lover dies. Directed by Michael Tuchner* (31685839)

12.15am London Tonight (4410330)

12.25 Whose Round Is It Anyway? John Leslie and Mandy Smith present the pub quiz show (6741056)

12.55 Whale On. Late-night entertainment (s) (7932114)

1.50 ITV Chart Show. Featuring Bryan Adams performing *Run to You* (s) (7827414)

2.45 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema *(43105)*

3.15 TXT with Rhona Cameron (9544495)

4.00 Noisy Mothers. Rock music magazine (65921)

5.00 Sportsworld *(s) (10360)*

5.30 ITN Morning News (26872). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors *(r) (6422986)*

7.00 The Big Breakfast Paula Yates is joined by actress Julie Walters (23181)

9.00 You Bet Your Life *American quiz show hosted by* Bill Cosby (r) (s) (60075)

9.30 Schools Eureka! Discovering Japan (5962704) 9.45 Stop, Look, Listen! (5053487) 10.00 Fourways Farm (9193346) 10.12 Beat That (3548029) 10.40 Off Limits: Talking About Sex (9957891) 11.06 Eurokids (6092364) 11.22 Stage One (7890636) *11.40 How we Used to Live. Expansion, Trade and* Industry (3950346)

12.00 House to House Maya Even presents the latest political news (80839)

12.30 Sesame Street Early learning series for the under-fives (46100)

1.30 Take Five. Cartoons for younger viewers: Paddington, Fred Bassett, Mio and Mao, The Magic Roundabout and Towser (r) (99075)

2.00 FILM: Fallen Angel (1945, b/w) Thriller starring *Alice Faye and Dana Andrews. A charming drifter* intends to marry a wealthy woman for her money, however when his waitress girlfriend is murdered he is the prime suspect. Directed by Otto Preminger (330704)

3.50 Home Concert for Three Fools Bulgarian cartoon in which a chauvinistic husband gets his just *rewards (r) (2448907)*

3.55 The Pulse (r) (Teletext) (6939452)

4.30 Countdown (Teletext) (s) (100)

5.00 Cutting Edge: Looking After Mum. *The plight of* Britain's under-age carers (r) (Teletext) (5636)

6.00 Blossom American comedy show. (Teletext) (s) (365)

6.30 Happy Days. Nostalgic comedy series set in the Fifties. Fonzie decides to use child psychology on Heather (Teletext) (617)

7.00 Channel 4 News *with Jon Snow and Zeinab* Badawi. (Teletext) Weather (272549)

7.50 First Reaction (s) (625487)

8.00 CHOICE **Citizen 2000: Home is Where the Heart Is** (Teletext) (5013)

8.30 Brookside. *(Teletext) (s) (4520)*

9.00 Nature Perfected: Garlands of Repose Tonight's programme explores the Christian and Muslim traditions which have influenced European gardens. (Teletext) (4988)

9.30 CHOICE **Home Improvement** (Teletext) (s) (10568)



Sara Gilbert leaves for college (10.00pm)

10.00 CHOICE **Roseanne: Two Down, One to Go.** (Teletext) (s) (81568)

10.30 The Unpleasant World of Penn and Teller The gruesome twosome are joined by Alexei Sayl. (Teletext) (s) (445159)

11.05 The Word (s) (182365)

12.10am FILM: Fun in Acapulco (1963) starring Elvis Presley as a trapeze artist who runs away from the circus and takes a job as a lifeguard. With Ursula Andress. Directed by Richard Thorpe (319308) Ends at **1.55**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Bruno Brookes (**FM** only) with the Early Breakfast Show **7.00** Steve Wright in the Morning **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Emma Freud with the Lunchtime Show, incl **12.30pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Mark Goodier in the Afternoon **4.00** Nicky Campbell with Drivetime, incl **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **10.00** John Peel (**FM** only from **12.00**) **1.00-4.00am** Mark Tonderai (**FM** only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy *6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wake Up* to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** *Jimmy Young* **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** Angela Rippon **7.00** *Let's Do the Show* Right Here! With Mark Steyn (r) **7.30** Friday Night Is Music Night **9.30** Listen to the Band **10.30** Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00** Charles Nove with Night Ride

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Schools. Primary RE; **9.15** Playtime, *9.30 Music Box; 9.45 Something to Think About: Infant Assemblies; 10.00 Music Workshop: Music Course 3* **10.25** Johnnie Walker with the AM *Alternative* **12.30pm** *Over the Moon... Sick as a Parrot* (r) **1.10** The Crunch **2.30** BFBS Worldwide **4.05** John Inverdale's Drive-In **6.30** WICR **7.15** Cricket, Lovely Cricket. See Choice **7.30** Popcall: 0345 909693 **8.30** Euromix **9.30** Tean Lurve. The Pet Shop Boy **10.10** Rave **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT. 4.30am** BBC *English* **4.45** News in German **5.00** Morgen-*magazin Tips für Touristen* **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** You Know It Makes Sense **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Music Review **9.00** News **9.05** Business Report **9.15** Global Concerns **9.30** On the Move **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News **10.01** Focus on Faith **10.30** World Ranking **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin News in German **Noon** News **12.10pm** *Words of* Faith **12.15** You Know It Makes Sense *12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 Newshour* **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: *Salt of the Earth* **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** News **3.15** Music Review **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell: News in German **5.00** News **5.05** World Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell News in German **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop: including Nachrichten aus Grossbritannien, GB-Report and Tips für Touristen **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **10.15** People and Politics **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** Business Report **11.15** Worldbrief **11.30** Multitrack 3 **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** From the Weeklies **12.45** The Learning World **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Short Story: *Seeing Stars* **1.45** Jazz Now and Then **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Vintage Chart Show **4.00** News **4.15** Good Books

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Barber (Violin Concerto) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Margaret Howard presents Classic Reports **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Evening Concert: Academy of Ancient Music performs Arne (Overture No 3 in G); Boyce (Symphony No 4 in F), Mozart (Requiem) plus works by Vivaldi, Handel and Haydn **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am *Russ and Jono* ***10.00*** *Richard* Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** *Wendy Lloyd* ***7.00*** *Mitch Johnson* ***10.00*** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyte

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News and Weather (3448075) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News and Weather (8032075) **1.55** A Country Practice (49236723) **2.20-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (7845688) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (8239926) **5.10-5.40** Travel Trails (5824029) **6.00** Home and Away (440079) **6.25-7.00** Anglia *Weather and Anglia News (415907)* **10.30** Anglia News and Weather (118075) **10.45** Dave Allen (192181) **11.15** The Car (372452) **1.05am** Whale On (2241259) **2.05** Sportsworld (7816747) **2.30** Noisy Mothers (30582) **3.30** Videofashion (75966501) **3.55** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (75941292) **4.25** *Night Shift (91590619)* **4.30-5.30** *New Music*

CENTRAL

As London except: 12.20pm-12.30 Central News and Weather (8032075) **1.55** Shortland Street (49236723) **2.20-2.50** Travel Trails (43900926) **3.25-3.30** Central News (8239926) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Games and Videos (5824029) **6.00** Home and Away *(440079)* ***6.25-7.00*** *Central News and* Weather (415907) **10.30** Central News and Weather (127723) **10.40** Central Weekend (1590029) **12.10am** Cool Million: The Mask of Marcella (302018) **2.00** Whale On (16389) **3.00** The Beat (9111209) **3.55** The Album Show (1329211) **4.50** The Twilight Zone (86230308) **5.10** Night Shift (3130308) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (3129292)

HTV WEST

As London except: 9.55-10.00 HTV West News (3448075) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV West News and Weather (8032075) **1.55** Wish You Were Here...? (49236723) **2.20-2.50** Art Works (43900926) **3.25-3.30** HTV West *News (8239926)* ***6.00*** *HTV News (723)* ***6.30-7.00*** HTV Sportsweek (425) **10.30** HTV West News and Weather (127723) **10.40** Late and Live (1590029) **12.10am** Crime Story (5535698) **1.05** Whale On (2241259) **2.05** Sportsworld (7816747) **2.30** Noisy Mothers (30582) **3.30** Videofashion (75966501) **3.55** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema *(75941292)* **4.25** Night Shift (91590619) **4.30-5.30** New Music *(61476)*

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.00 Wales at Six (723) **6.30-7.00** It's a Living (425) **10.30** HTV Wales News and Weather (127723) **10.40** Swansea Festival (492433) **11.10** The Big *Story (577704)* ***11.40-12.10pm*** *Coach* (737384)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (49236723) **2.20** Take the High Road (43900926) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street *(3468452)* ***3.25-3.30*** *Meridian News and* Weather (8239926) **5.37** Three Minutes *Your Story (719704)* **5.40** ITN Early Evening News; Weather (871510) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (50051) **10.00** News at Ten; Weather (83926) **10.30** Meridian News and Weather (127723) **10.40** Just a Minute (492433) **11.10** Late Night Live (871617) **11.55-12.55pm** Crime Story (258742) **1.55am** New *Music (7817037)* ***2.55*** *Cinema, Cinema,* Cinema (1891563) **3.25** America's Top Ten (87485679) **3.55** Noisy Mothers (4177766) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (10360)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice *(49236723)* ***2.20-3.10*** *Murder, She Wrote* (5702568) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today / Network *North (422162)* ***6.30-7.00*** *Superchamps* 1994 (425) **10.30** Tyne Tees News and Weather (127723) **10.40** Robson's Personal Call (170948) **11.35** Moving Violations (452636) **1.05am** Whale On (2241259) **2.05** The Big E (1735501) **3.00** Sandokan the Great (40634) **5.00** The Twilight Zone *(8401105)* ***5.20-5.30*** *Out of Limits (3129292)*

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 1.55 Wish You Were Here ? (27146902) **2.25-2.55** Gardener's Diary (43909297) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (50051) **10.30** Westcountry Latest (127723) **10.40** *Billy (492433)* **11.10** You'll Like My Mother (982988) **12.50am** My Story (5455360) **12.55-1.05** The Twilight Zone *(6829768)* ***2.05*** *Sportsworld (7816747)* **2.30** Noisy Mothers (30582) **3.30** Videofashion (75966501) **3.55** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (75941292) **4.25** Night Shift (91590619) **4.30-5.30** New Music (61476)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (49236723) **2.20-3.10** Murder, She Wrote *(5702568)* ***5.55*** *Calendar (422162)* ***5.30-7.00*** Superchamps 1994 (425) **10.40** Street Legal (170948) **11.35** Moving Violations (452636) **1.05am** Whale On (2241259) **2.05** The Big E (1795501) **3.00** Sandokan the Great (40634) **5.00** The Twilight Zone (8401105) **5.20-5.30** Out of Limits (3129292)

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Starts: 7.00 *The Big Breakfast (23181)* **9.00** You Bet Your Life (60075) **9.30** Ysgolion (433433) **12.00pm** House To House (80839) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (90704) **1.00** Take Five (33568) **1.30** A Brush With Art (99075) **2.00** Moon Over Miami (601704) **3.40** The Magic Roundabout (4052655) **4.00** Slot 23 (8704) ***5.00*** *A Different World (9029)* ***5.30*** *Countdown (452)* **6.00** Newyddion (170891) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (741510) **6.25** Heno (413549) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (6365) **7.30** Jacpot (29) **8.00** Cefn Gwlad (5013) **8.30** Newyddion (4520) **9.00** Ana (7181) **10.00** Brookside (81568) **10.30** The Unpleasant World Of Penn & Teller (445159) **11.05** The Word (273926) **12.05am** Snwcer (8562698)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather 7.00 On Air: Bach, arr *Elgar (Fantasia and* Fugue in C minor); Stravinsky *(Ebony Concerto);* Mendelssohn (Song without Words in A, Op 62 No 6, Spring Song); Strauss (Der Abend, Op 34 No 1); Dupré (Prelude and Fugue in G minor, Op 7 No 3); Bruch (Violin Concerto No 2 in D minor)

9.00 Composer of the Week: Chopin (Polonaise in A flat, Op 53; Prelude in A minor, Op 28 No 2; Piano Sonata No 2 in B flat minor, Op 35, Mazurkas: in B minor, Op 33 No 4; *in C minor, Op 56 No 3;* Polonaise-Fantasy in A flat, Op 61)

10.00 Musical Encounters: Mendelssohn (Piano Sonata in E, Op 6); Beethoven ("Kakadu", Variations, Op 121a); Reger (Variations and Fugue on a Theme of Beethoven, Op 86)

12.00 Voices (r)

1.00pm News 1.05 Chamber Music from Manchester, live from New Broadcasting House, the Royal Northern College of Music Wind Orchestra performs Goehr (Chaconne, Op 34); Simon Holt (Mirrormaze); John McCabe (Symphony for ten wind instruments)

2.00 Youth Orchestras of the World: Seoul Youth Orchestra. Vivaldi *(The Four Seasons);* Mozart (Divertimento in D, K136); Britten (Simple Symphony, Op 4)

3.35 Eileen Hulse, *soprano, sings* Debussy (Pantomime; Clair de Lune; Pierrot; Apparition); Schumann (Jasminenstrauch; Röselein, Röselein!; Auftrage). Mahler (Starke Einbildungskraft; Ablösung im Sommer; Rheinlegendchen); Strauss (Herr Lenz; Schlagende Herzen); Szymanowski (Songs of a Fairy Tale Princess, Op 31)

4.30 Thai Music: The Prasit Thawon Ensemble

5.00 The Music Machine: Richard *Wagner talks about his work*

5.15 In Tune: Schumann *(Overtures: Scenes, Faust),* Mussorgsky (Dawn on the *Moscow River). Verdi, transc* Liszt (Sacred Dance, Final Duet, Aida); Schubert (Quartettsatz, D703)

7.30 Schumann and Friends: Live from the Barbican Hall, London. The English Chamber Orchestra performs Meyerbeer (Overture, Struensee); Berlioz (Les Nuits d'été). ***8.20*** *Michael* Oliver tours the Schumann-*Haus at Zwickau.* ***8.40*** Mendelssohn (Concert aria, *Infelice); Schumann* (Symphony No 2 in C)

9.40 Sleepless Nights. Hugo Williams on the theme of anxiety

9.45 Palestrina: Missa Tu es Petrus; Motet, Tu es Petrus

10.45 Friday Feature: In Search of the Great American Symphony: *See Choice*

11.30 Midnight Oil

12.20-12.35am News 1.00-2.25 **Night School** (except in *Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)*

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News, incl ***6.03*** *Weather* ***6.10*** *Farming* Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day ***6.30*** *Today, incl* ***6.30, 7.00, 8.00, 8.30*** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs. Sue Lawley's castaway is Dame Cicely Saunders (r)

9.45 This Land Was Made for You and Me: *D. David Dreis discusses the literary tradition of the west coast of America*

10.00-10.30 News; Dear Diary (FM *only) In the last of the series,* Simon Brett chooses diary extracts for February 4

10.00 News; An Act of Worship (LW only)

10.15 The Bible (LW only) Luke Final part

10.30 Woman's Hour from Edinburgh Incl **11.00 News**

11.30 The Natural History Programme

12.00 News; You and Yours

12.25pm The Food Programme *12.55 Weather*

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers 1.55 *Shipping*

2.00 News; Classic Serial The *War of the End of the World,* by the Peruvian novelist, Mario Vargas Llosa *(r)*

3.00 News; The Odd Couple Deborah Pope and Rodrigo Matheus perform as the trapeze act "No Ordinary Angels"

3.30 Faith, Fact and Fiction Rosemary Hartill looks at how George Eliot's agnostic beliefs shaped her life and novels (r)

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: *Louisa Buck visits an exhibition* at the Pompidou Centre in Paris

4.45 Short Story: Brits Abroad! Abroad, by Peter Regent

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Going Places. The transport magazine

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Pick of the Week, with Michael Rosen

8.05 Any Questions? Gwynneth Flower, chief executive, Central *London Training and* Enterprise Council; Ken Livingstone, MP, Lord Parkinson, and Anthony Smith, president, Magdalen College, Oxford, tackle the issues raised in Hinckley, Leicestershire

8.50 Law in Action, with Marcel Berlins

9.15 Kaleidoscope Singer-songwriter Harvey Andrews has been making melodic social comment for more than 25 years (r)

9.45 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight

10.45 A Book at Bedtime. Peerless Flats, by Esther Freud (5/8)

11.00 Week Ending A satirical news review

11.25 Fourth Column, with Simon Hoggart

11.45 Today in Parliament

12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (**LW** only)

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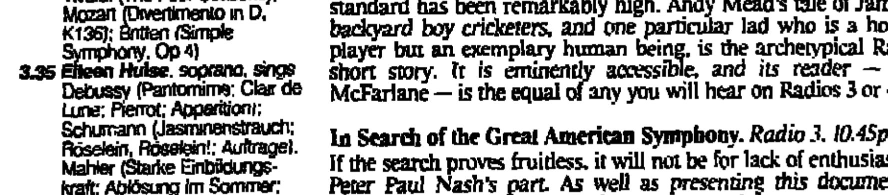
Cricket, Lovely Cricket. *Radio 5, 7.15pm.*

Enjoy Radio 5's short story output while you can because the axe, poised over the existing network, will fall very soon now. I cannot pretend that every story has been a masterpiece, but the overall standard has been remarkably high. Andy Mead's tale of Jamaican *backyard boy cricketers,* and one particular lad who is a hopeless player but an exemplary human being, is the archetypical Radio 5 short story. *It is eminently accessible, and its reader — Colin* McFarlane — is the equal of any you will hear on Radios 3 or 4.

In Search of the Great American Symphony. *Radio 3, 10.45pm.*

If the search proves fruitless, it will not be for lack of enthusiasm on *Peter Paul Nash's part. As well as presenting this documentary,* which took him to the United States where he met many musical luminaries, he will present six Radio 3 programmes starting next Tuesday. All will feature two complete American symphonies, plus supporting works by American composers, including Aaron Copland *and John Paine. Next Tuesday's symphonies* will be Charles Ives's No 2 and Roy Harris's Seminal No 3.

Peter Davalle



CELEBRITY CHOICE.
SUNDAY 12PM.
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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat (73282810) **8.40** Lamb Chops (5304075) **9.10** Cartoons (4735297) **9.30** Card Sharks (7754641) **9.55** Concentration (6104902) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (6230636) **10.30** Love at First Sight (24297) ***11.00*** *Sally Jessy Raphael (71742)* **12.00** The Urban Peasant (15549) **12.30pm** E *Street (58742)* **1.00** Barnaby Jones (53297) **2.00** Shogun (27487) **3.00** Another World (7718931) **3.45** DJ Kat Show (9340655) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (6384) **6.00** Games World (2297) **6.30** E Street (3549) **7.00** M*A*S*H (7013) **7.30** Full House (2433) **8.00** WWF Mania (81094) **9.00** Crime *International (46433)* ***9.30*** *Sightings (45278)* **10.00** Star Trek: the Next Generation (71617) **11.00** The Untouchables (69907) **12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (83230) **1.00am** Night Court (68037) **1.30-2.00** In Living Color (44430)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (46617) **9.30** ABC Nightline (52568) **10.30** Memories (22839) **11.30** Japan Business Today (82891) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (24029) **1.30** *CBS News (25758)* ***2.30*** *Parliament (78181)* **3.30** The Lords (70742) **4.30** News and Business Report (9346) **7.30** *FT Reports (6425)* **9.30** Talkback (36520) **11.30** CBS News (40384) **12.30am** ABC News (33327) **1.30** *FT* Reports (82495) **2.30** Memories (36853) **3.30** Talkback (48698) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (66178) **5.30-6.00** *CBS News* (66414)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (8790742)
10.00 Ernest Scared Stupid (1991): A dimwit releases a dormant creature (32758)
12.00 The Night They Raided Minsky's (1968) An Amish girl (Britt Ekland) ends up in a strip club in 1920s New York (28182)
2.00pm Showdown (1973) Two friends fall out over the same woman (95297)
4.00 Popi *(1969) A Puerto Rican father tries to escape the poverty trap (8988)*
6.00 Ernest Scared Stupid *(as 10am)* (75433)
8.00 Nobody's Perfect (1989) A male student dresses up as a woman (99505100)
9.40 US Top Ten (411926)
10.00 Lock Up (1989). Prison drama with Sylvester Stallone (935810)
11.50 Bruce the Superhero *(1984). kung fu action with Bruce Lee (382597)*
1.25am Double Edge (1992) Susan Lucci as an assassin and an FBI agent (5695495)
2.55 Plan of Attack (1992). A rape victim is tormented when the rapist is freed (2432872)
4.25 The Night They Raided Minsky's *(as midday) (59397327) Ends at* ***6.00***

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm The Innocents (1961): Two children are possessed by ghosts (77839)
8.00 Duel at Diablo (1966): Western about a racially-mixed cavalry unit (72384)
10.00 The Warriors (1979) *New York street gangs fight it out (820029)* Ends at **11.35**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Fort Dobbs *(1958) A cowboy fights for himself and his lover (97015)*
8.00 Brer Rabbit (1991) Animation (10839)
9.00 The Canterville Ghost A British ghost haunts visiting Americans (93013)
10.00 The Girl He Left Behind (1956) A rich kid is drafted into the army (50100)
12.00 Kings Go Forth (1958) Two GIs in France fall out over a woman (26704)
2.00pm Operation Mad Ball (1957) Soldiers plan a big party (93839)
4.00 Brer Rabbit *(as 8am) (46487)*
5.00 The Canterville Ghost (as 9am) (9094)
6.00 Cool as Ice (1991) Vanilla Ice falls for a middle-class girl (73075)
8.00 The Prince of Tides (1991): A psychiatrist falls in love with the brother of one of her patients (51939346)
10.10 The Player (1992) Tim Robbins is under suspicion for murder (80177636)
12.15am The Movie Show (17358)
12.45 Soapdish *(1991). Comedy set behind the scenes of a television soap (454105)*
2.25 The Dark Wind *(1992) An Indian cop investigates a plane crash (4951241)*
4.15-5.55 Cool as Ice *(as 6pm) (237853)*

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Prime Bodies (98487) **7.30** Soccer *(9947810)* ***7.45*** *Netbusters (9942365)* **8.00** *Basketball (21297)* ***8.30*** *Tennis (20668)* **9.00** Prime Bodies (15920) **9.30** French Football (10384) **10.30** US PGA Golf (52723) **12.30pm** Boots 'n' All (71907) **1.30** Sports Special (33520) **2.00** Snooker (132452) **5.00** Boot Room (9182) **6.00** Soccer (59568) **7.00** The Big League: Widnes v Wigan (258704) **9.30** *Snooker (32029)* **11.30** Golf (30568) **1.30-2.30am** Soccer (11921)

EUROSPORT

7.30am *Step Aerobics (99162)* **8.00** Euroski (58013) **9.00** Skiing (67075) **11.00** Equestrianism (97510) **12.00** Skiing (60162) **2.00pm** Tennis (4828742) **6.00** Skiing (1723) **6.30** News (3075) **7.00** Stock Car Racing (27810) **8.00** Paris-Dakar Rally Highlights (16758) **9.00** Boxing (23094) **10.00** Ice Hockey *(24907)* ***11.30*** *Basketball (72742)* **12.30-1.00am** Eurosport News (76327)

UK GOLD

7.00am *The Sullivans* (4841487) **7.30** Neighbours (4757094) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (4147181) **8.30** EastEnders (4146452) **9.00** The Bill (4137704) **9.30** All Creatures Great and Small (4785907) **10.30** Casualty (1565839) **11.30** The Sullivans (4372723) **12.00** Sons and Daughters *(4157568)* ***12.30pm*** *Neighbours (1360452)* **1.00** EastEnders (4840758) **1.30** The Bill (1369723) **2.00** Are You Being Served? (2264839) **2.30** Bread (5619617) **3.00** Dallas (4383839) **4.00** The Colbys (8750013) **4.55** Blankety Blank (76722704) **5.25** Give Us a Clue (95937636) **5.55** Sykes (4853758) **6.30** EastEnders (5634926) **7.00** Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous (1380159) **7.50** I'll Fly You *For a Quid (3559988)* ***8.25*** *Bread (3233075)* **9.00** Casualty (2680549) **10.00** The Bill (4158297) **10.30** Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy (2633075) **11.05** Top of the Pops (5813723) **11.50** Dr Who (5618384) **12.20am** FILM: Signpost to *Murder* (1964): A killer escapes from an asylum (92534872) ***1.40-2.30*** *Video Bites (4788679)*

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Ratkan II (53433) **6.30** Bobobobs (71365) **7.00** Paddy (4442655) **7.15** Gravedale High (946839) **7.45** Pugwall (938810) **8.15** Head to Head (9080013) **8.30** Teddy Ruxpin (62568) **9.00** It's Droibee Time (62181) **10.00** Topsy and Tim (34015) **11.00** *Ratkan II (33907)* ***11.30*** *Bobobobs (34636)* **12.00** Paddy (5669988) **12.15pm** Gravedale High (544520) **12.45** Pugwall (543891) **1.15** Head to Head (23182452) **1.30** Teddy Ruxpin (75520) **2.00** Madeline (9655) **2.30** Cupido (5541278) **2.45** Babar (563655) **3.15** Ratkan II (3974075) **3.20** Ninwins (2376907) ***3.35*** *Special Feature (4650758)* ***3.40*** *Rude* Dog and the Dweebs (6645181) **3.55** Head to Head (5834161) **4.00** Runaway Bay (8278) **4.30-5.00** T-Rex (7162)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Speed Racer (96029) **7.30** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (97566) **8.00** Rugrats (29839) **8.30** Attack of the Killer Tomatoes *(11810)* ***9.00*** *Fraggle Rock (15907)* ***9.30*** Kablooey (38075) **10.00** Wisdom of the Gnomes (86100) **10.30** We all have Tales (15988) **11.00** Cartoons (99549) **11.30** Wild Side Show (90278) **12.00** Bananas in Pyjamas (22926) **12.30pm** World of David the Gnome (33891) **1.00** Nick Jr Storytime (15100) **1.30** Eureeka's Castle (70278) **2.30** Fraggle Rock (3588) **3.00** Cartoons (4704) **3.30** Speed Racer (6013) **4.00** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (7520) **4.30** Get the Picture (3704) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (8549) **5.30** Guts (7384) **6.00** Rugrats (4297) **6.30-7.00** The Monkees (5549)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Wild South (4360988) **5.00** Biography: Robert Goddard, Neil Armstrong (2973549) **5.55** Anne Martin's Postcards (3786556) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (4521278) **7.00** Discovery Live! (2266297) **7.30** Mumo Show (5621452) **8.00** Going Places (2691655) **9.00** Deep Probe Expeditions (2671891) **10.00** Skybound (4156839) **10.30** X-Planes (4238487) **11.00** Coral Reef (4361617) **11.30** Global Family (3379907)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: Always a Bride (1954): A crooked treasury man falls for the daughter of his partner (9526461) **1.35pm** FILM: Gaslight (1939, b/w) A crazed man tries to drive his wife insane (65423891) **3.00** Game for Three Losers (4378907) **4.00** Flying Nun (5628365) **4.30** *My Three Sons (5624549)* **5.00** *Beverly Hillbillies (2346487)* **5.30** Donny and Marie (5711029) **6.00** Death Valley Days (5638742) **6.30** Car 54, Where Are You? (5629094) **7.00** Mothers-in-Law (2253723) **7.30** Smothers Brothers (5625278) **8.00** FILM: Edgar Wallace's Act of Murder (1964): An actor tries to win back his former lover (41450297) **9.10** Three Soldiers (2008839) **10.00** FILM: Creature of the Walking Dead (1963): A scientist tries to bring his grandfather back to life (4286926) **11.30-12.00** Twilight Zone (3366433)

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7.00am Highlights (7652984) **8.00** Family Matters (1351758) **8.30** Rendezvous (1350029) **9.00** Days of our Lives (6423452) **10.00** Dr Ruth (4493758) **10.30** The Young and The Restless (9623902) **11.30** The Fish Course (3556384) **12.00** Stars and Signs *(77297297)* **12.15pm** Practical Living (58116568) **12.30** Divorce Court (9237278) **1.00** Home Wise (5761297) **1.30** Rendezvous (9336549) **2.00** Agony Hour (4494487) **3.00** Living (7404926) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (69093162) **4.00** Definition (1045075) **4.30** Infatuation (1147487) **5.00** *Musiquest (7171043)* **5.30** Fame, Fortune and Romance (5799810) **5.45** Fairoy (7921574) **6.30** Floyd (1046704) **7.00** Definition (1701177) **7.30** That's Amore (1042989) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (2582907) **9.00** FILM: Inmate Betrayal (1987): A woman discovers her husband is not all he seems (75369655) **10.50** Fame And Fortune (6779075) **11.00** That's Amore (2547636) ***11.30*** *Infatuation (4319742)* **12.00-1.00am** Agony Hour (1052740)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm *Big Brother Jake (6097)* **5.30** Zorro (1742) **6.00** The Wonder Years (8655) **6.30** Family Catchphrase (9907) **7.00** All Clued Up (3471) **7.30** The Pyramid Game (8891) **8.00** All Together Now (9891) **8.30** GP (8926) **9.00** Lou Grant (61278) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (67013) **10.30** Entertainment Now (43433) **11.00** Remington Steele (84574) **12.00-1.00am** The Big Valley (69698)

MTV

5.00am Awake on the Wild Side (878872) **8.00** Ingo (301655) **11.00** Soul of MTV (95487) **12.00** Greatest Hits (97742) **1.00pm** Simone (165520) **3.30** The Report (6668655) **3.45** At the Movies (6546810) **4.00** News (6062013) ***4.15*** *3 from 1 (6052636)* **4.30** The Pulse (9520) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (56907) **7.00** Greatest Hits (67452) **8.00** Most Wanted (42839) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (98471) **10.00** The Report (186988) **10.15** At the Movies (107471) **10.30** News (941365) **10.45** 3 from 1 (939520) **11.00** Marijne *(13013)* ***1.00am*** *Chill Out Zone (78056)* ***2.00*** Night Videos (4923560)

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (24487) **7.00** Gujarati, Bengali and Punjabi News (12100) **7.30** Asian Morning (34097) **8.00** Hindi News (50723) **8.30** Urdu News (2428687) **8.45** English News (1973592) **9.00** Nangey Paon (66907) **10.00** Hindi FILM: Amar Deep (562605) **1.00pm** Nukkad (11471) **1.30** *Pakistani FILM (924520)* **4.30** Kiddie Time (1988) **5.00-6.00** TVA and You (6568) **7.00** Sportsworld (9013) **7.30** ID Youth (4433) **8.00** English News (598013) **8.15** Hindi FILM (87131384) **11.15** Berzekh (725655) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (8405495) **1.35** Sight and Sound (35230476)

TNT

Theme: Birthday tribute to Ida Lupino
7.00pm Beware, My Lovely (1952, b/w) A widow hires a handyman (23359365)
8.25 Out of the Fog (1941, b/w) A woman *falls for a gangster (99690029)*
10.10 The Hard Way (1943, b/w) A girl *pushes her sister into showbiz (33435839)*
12.15am Pillow to Post (1945, b/w) Wartime comedy (3931211)
2.00 Escape Me Never (1947, b/w) Thwarted love between two brothers and two women (67854327) Ends at **5.00**

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Below-strength Leeward Islands kept in check by consistent attack

England bowlers take command



Watkin seems to have usurped the umpire's role as he seeks to attract the attention of the dressing-room on the opening day of the game in Antigua. *Photograph: Graham Morris*

FROM ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT
IN ANTIGUA

ENGLAND'S long range scenario for the first serious game of their tour had anticipated a representative test — high quality opposition on a good pitch and in the usual sublime Antigua weather. What they got instead yesterday was an unrecognisable Leeward Islands side, a rough and crumbling pitch and, of all things, rain.

The Leewards withdrew the last of their five Test players, Keith Arthurton, before winning the toss yesterday morning. The Red Stripe Cup competition, which they lead, is deemed a priority, though no more so than the desire to keep the West Indies players fresh and as far as possible from English eyes until battle begins in earnest.

So instead of confronting Richardson, Ambrose and the two Benjamins, England's day was spent bowling to the exotically named but unfamiliar, such as Lanville Harrigan, Harwood Williams and Ridley Jacobs. It was not quite what they had in mind, especially when steady rain took half-an-hour from the afternoon session.

Any frustration was dispersed, however, by consistent and penetrative bowling which, midway through the evening session, had succeeded in reducing the Leewards to 167 for eight.

So it was not an entirely negative day for the touring team. On the field, England's bowling strategy was clearly identified, even if those to whom it will be entrusted were not.

Off the field, Alec Stewart confirmed that he will continue as captain of Surrey this year. But let nobody believe that harmony has been restored to the Oval.

Even the advent of first-class cricket, and of the advance guard of what will be several thousand England supporters, could not dispel the sense of sparring yesterday. Half the St John's ground is presently a building site where foundations are being dug for a new stand, ostensibly to be open in time for the Test match in April, and although the traditional Antiguan cacophony of reggae music at every break in play was noisily evident, events in the middle were contrastingly subdued.

A lot rests on these four days for certain individuals, not all of them English. For instance, the Leewards' captain, Stuart Williams, is a contender for the Test opening place currently held by Phil Simmons and he batted as if it was preying on his mind.

Correct, but utterly unadventurous, he managed only five runs in the first hour, and had advanced to ten when tempted into indiscretion by a bouncer from the sparingly used Chris Lewis.

The method of Williams's containment was revealing. There is a theory that most, though not all, West Indian batsmen can be, in the cricketing sense, bored to death and the discipline of England's early seam bowling was impressive.

Andy Caddick, in particular, looks to have benefited from a return of confidence and the wise words of England's new bowling coach, John Snow. His line, on or just outside off stump, was immaculate and he made the new ball bounce disconcertingly. Harrigan, after twenty runless minutes, was a classic victim, fending a rising ball to Atherton fielding at third slip.

Enter Clifford Walwyn, hatless and shaven-headed, whose game plan has only a nodding acquaintance with the coaching manual. His first offering was an extravagant straight drive off the back foot against Caddick, which stopped a foot short of the boundary to the chagrin of Walwyn, who had not run.

For all his eccentricities, however, his eye is sharp and his style essentially Caribbean. In two sessions, England could not dislodge him but he fell two balls after tea, caught behind off Caddick for 65.

One Williams having replaced another, the Leewards proceeded with caution against Ian Salisbury but after four overs for one run, the leg spinner's length deserted him.

Steve Watkin returned to have Williams caught, carving to deep gully, but Walwyn and Jacobs added 49 before the fourth wicket fell through thinking that was as quick on Matthew Maynard's behalf as it was slow on that of Jacobs.

So long did the left-hander spend, a yard out of his crease, admiring a shot to mid-wicket that Maynard, after gathering the ball athletically, was able to throw down the stumps.

Observing all this from the dressing room, the resting Stewart had time to compose a lengthy statement about his future at Surrey, in which he disclosed that the club's chief executive, Glyn Woodman, on Wednesday gave him a 24-hour ultimatum to decide on the captaincy. Stewart responded with an affirmative, but added a few barbs.

He said he was: "Still concerned about recent events at the club", all emanating from the dismissal of Geoff Arnold as coach, and complained that he had "not had the promised input into the appointment of the coaching staff".

I understand Stewart was not consulted prior to the installation of Mike Edwards as director of cricket or Grahame Clinton as chief coach and that he remains opposed to the imminent appointment of Graham Dilley, the former England fast bowler, to a coaching position.

LEEWARD ISLANDS: First Innings

*S C Williams c Russell b Lewis	10
L A Harrigan c Atherton b Caddick	0
C W Walwyn c Russell b Caddick	65
H W Williams c Lewis b Watkin	14
†R D Jacobs run out	27
D Joseph st Russell b Salisbury	18
H A G Anthony low b Salisbury	9
L Weekes b Caddick	9
W D Phillip not out	1
V A Walsh not out	2
Extras	12
Total (8 wkts)	167

J C Maynard bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-28, 3-73, 4-119, 5-124, 6-145, 7-158, 8-167.

ENGLAND XI: *M A Atherton, M R Ramprakash, G P Thorpe, G A Hick, N Hussain, M P Maynard, †R C Russell, C C Lewis, I D K Salisbury, A R Caddick, S L Watkin.

Umpires: P Whyte and J Stevens.

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Have you ever wanted to pick the England team? Play *The Times* 1st XI game today. Details on page 39.

McAllister issues reminder over Norman

BY DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

THE British Athletic Federation (BAF) will today consider the future of Andy Norman, its promotions officer, amid apparent uncertainty over whose decision it will be whether he stays or goes.

A phonecall made by Norman to Cliff Temple, the journalist and coach, six months before Temple committed suicide has led to demands for Norman's dismissal. Norman, whose role has been pivotal in the British athletics success story, is alleged to have backmailed Temple over claims that he sexually harassed athletes.

Arthur McAllister, the BAF president, said yesterday that he thought neither Peter Radford, the executive chairman who took up office on Tuesday, nor the management board could act without BAF council approval. There have been suggestions that Radford, or even the board, has the final say.

"May I remind you of what happened this time last year," McAllister said. "The then management board voted unanimously to dispense with the services of the chief executive [Malcolm Jones]. The president [McAllister], who could not be present, referred it to the council and won." Jones kept his job, though he resigned two months later.

It is not for the BAF to judge whether the phonecall played a part in Temple's suicide, as has been alleged, but whether such a call, as Tony Ward, the BAF spokesman, said yesterday "is conducive to him being an officer of the federation". For the moment, the enquiry is internal but Radford said yesterday that an independent one had not been ruled out.

This is perceived by insiders as a test of Radford's leadership. If his conclusions do not find support within BAF, what then? "In this case, my guess is that he would require the assent of the directors," McAllister added. In November, however, David Bedford, the BAF secretary, said that Radford would have the power to hire and fire. Ward admitted it was "a grey area".

The management board comprises 11 people, the council almost 50. The council meets tomorrow.

David Miller, page 38

Cooke keeps England's thoughts close to home

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WILL Carling and Geoff Cooke, captain and manager of the England rugby union team that arrived in Edinburgh yesterday to prepare for the five nations' championship match with Scotland tomorrow, may agree on the long-term objective of winning the 1995 World Cup but Cooke added a word of warning.

"You can't afford your thoughts to go more than the next game ahead," he said. "If we don't win on Saturday, the season is down the tubes. There's no triple crown, grand slam and probably no championship." In Cooke's mind is the thought that defeat by one of the home unions would make the visit to Paris to play France, the champions, on March 5 that much more demanding.

England, who trained privately in heavy rain at the Stoop Memorial Ground yesterday, have not lost at Murrayfield since the nerve-racking grand-slam decider of 1990 but the team tomorrow includes eight players who have not played international rugby there.

However, the advantage the Scots, who trained in drier but colder conditions, should derive from playing at home may be slightly offset by the reconstruction programme still going on at Murrayfield, which restricted the crowd to 37,000 for Scotland's 51-15 defeat by New Zealand in November and will keep capacity against England to 49,500.

Indeed, the building programme has delayed the issue of a safety certificate for the stadium from Edinburgh district council until today, but teams worked through the night to ensure that all will be well for tomorrow.

Inevitably, the new stands affect conditions, in particular for the goalkickers. There is a reminder of the All Blacks in that the referee, Lindsay McLachlan, is from New Zealand. It will be his first northern hemisphere international, though he handled one of Scotland's games against Australia in 1991 and their matches against Western Samoa and Tonga on tour last summer.

McLachlan, 39, will miss the meeting this weekend of New Zealand's leading referees and coaches at which the maul, the tackle law and the lineout will be debated. "There is a feeling that the law requiring a bigger gap at lineouts has slipped a bit," McLachlan said.

Paul Burnell, Scotland's experienced tight-head prop, is to move from London Scottish to Northampton next season. Northampton, who should survive in the Courage Clubs Championship first division, will have a completely reconstructed front row if Martin Hynes, of Orrell, and Chris Johnson, of Leicester, pursue their registration.

The lineout is a source of concern for Wales, who play Ireland at Lansdowne Road. After they trained in Cardiff yesterday, Robert Norster, the manager, said: "We are full of respect for Francis, Galwey and Johns and though Robinson isn't the biggest of their jumpers, he is also a lineout force. We expect it to be a physical challenge in all aspects." Gary Halpin, the Ireland replacement prop, has pulled out of the match tomorrow because of an Achilles tendon strain. Paul McCarthy takes his place.

The Welsh management will pay close attention to the A international at Donnybrook this afternoon, when their second row includes Paul Arnold, already capped 12 times, and Derwyn Jones, who, at 6ft 10in, is the biggest lock in the country with dimensions matched only by Martin Bayfield, of England.

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Clement Freud, page 42

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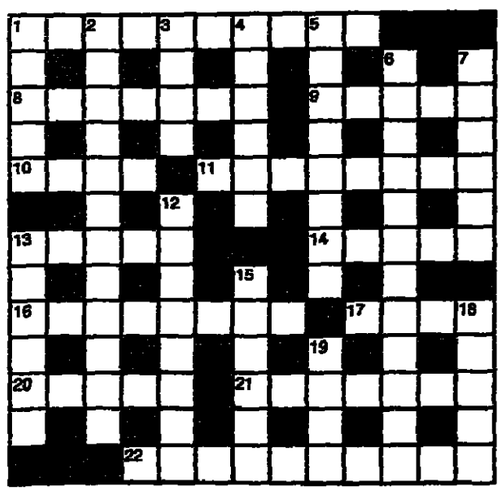
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1 Gibberish incantation (5,5)
8 Papal title (7)
9 Spirit released by Prospero (5)
10 Organs of sight (4)
11 Human-powered oriental taxi (8)
13 Indian soldier under the Raj (5)
14 Groom; spicy food (5)
16 Very hot, as of frying fat (8)
17 Make no bid (4)
20 Release (grip) (5)
21 Visualise (7)
22 Keenly contested (4-6)

DOWN
1 Tree, emblem of Canada (5)
2 Tree, the araucaria (6-6)
3 Leave out (4)
4 Inequitable (6)
5 Winter road hazard (5,3)
6 Playing music previously unseen (5-7)
7 At an unhurried pace (6)
12 Inability to recognise written words (8)
13 Canaanite leader nailed by Jael (6)
15 Desired what another had (6)
18 Rain/snow combination (5)
19 Irish county, between Sligo and Galway (4)

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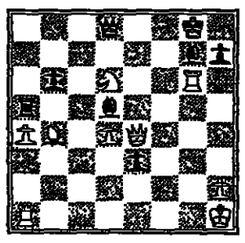
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Krasenkov - Nunn, Hastings Premier 1993. In this critical last round game, White has to win to overtake his opponent and win the tournament outright. Is 1 Rxg7+ a good winning try?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

AGONIOUS
a. Full of agony
b. To do with the arena
c. Creeping hemlock

BESSEMER
a. An embroidery stitch
b. A method of making steel
c. Second-year student at St Andrews

THEOBROMA
a. A chocolate tree
b. An Orthodox pulpit
c. Ambrosia

ULIGINOUS
a. Slimy
b. Having a flexible mind
c. Made of wood

Answers on page 38

